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FIRST FELTON HOUSE, BUILT BY NATHANIEL FELTON, SR., ABOUT 1644.

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READ BEFORE THE PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AUGUST 3, 1808.

The subject for today is a description or a history of an old home, of a home and a dwelling-house, that has been known as such and venerated by many generations for a long period of time.

It is difficult, sometimes, to be exact about old matters, but from what can be learned from record, and from tradition, this house, the east part, was built about the year 1644, the present site of which, being not the first or original location; but it has stood on the same spot as we see it today for one hundred and fifty years.

One of the first traditions, about the age of this house, that I remember, and many times have heard repeated, came from the lips of him, who in his youthful years had often heard the original declaration from the original source, the maker of the declaration.

And since that early remembrance, and while I was beginning to become interested in historical matters, it has been my privilege to have had this tradition and declaration confirmed, by other and living witnesses.

The declaration was, that this house had been built nearly "two hundred years ago," and that the maker of the declaration "was present at the Raising of the house."

This tradition and declaration, was for a long time, for many years, a great riddle or conundrum to me. I could not very plainly see how a man who had lived beyond the average age of mankind in general, could make such a statement and declaration, and keep within the bounds of the truth.

But after I had become interested in historical matters, which finally led to the gathering of material for a family history, I found records that helped to confirm this declaration, to the extent that a portion of this house had been removed from its original location, where it had stood for one hundred years, to the spot where we now see it today, and that nearly sixty

years additional had elapsed, since the maker of the declaration, then a youth of seventeen, was present at the "Raising" of the addition, or western portion of the house, the eastern part of which had been built, as the story went, nearly "two hundred years ago." As you will see further along the removal took place at some time between 1746 and 1749, and the declaration was made about the year 1800.

Reckoning from 1644 as the time when this house was first commenced, at least one hundred and fifty-six years must have elapsed, when the man of seventy years made the declaration, that this house was built nearly "two hundred years ago," and he "was at the Raising."

I feel that this story told nearly one hundred years ago, by a man who died at seventy-three, of a house that had been built nearly two hundred years before and he was at the Raising, is too good a story to be lost, and especially so, when memory became also well emphasized in one of his descendants, who afterwards was President of Harvard College.

"Two hundred years ago," was the original expression, that first came to my ears in early life. This statement I have qualified by making it nearly two hundred years ago, as I only wish to rely on such facts as can be presented.

One hundred and fifty-six years before 1800 can be relied upon, I think, from further and more conclusive evidence which will be presented, with the allowance that the maker of the declaration shall be credited with the statement that this east portion of the present house was the original and first house built.

Nathaniel Felton, the original builder of this first house, in a deposition that he made September 18th, 1700, which is on record, states that previous to the year 1644, he was familiar with certain affairs in Salem, meaning doubtless the town part of Salem, and closes his deposition by saying that he had been a near neighbor to the Downing farm for fifty-five years.

This deposition, thus evidently, gives the important information, that he was away from Salem town for the most part during the year 1644, and was doubtless engaged in clearing the land and building his house, which became his permanent home in 1645, fifty-five years before the date of his deposition in 1700.

Nathaniel Felton was twenty-eight years old when he came to clear the land and build his home. This land, having been granted some years previous to him and his mother, at different times during the ten or more years that he is supposed to have lived in Salem town.

The first grant of land was to his mother in 1636. The second grant was to Nathaniel in 1637, being land that was first Mr. Thorndike's grant, and the third to his mother in 1639. (At the 250th celebration of Salem, the Honorable Joseph G. Choate referred to this Grant of Land to Mistress Felton by the Town of Salem as an instance favorable to Woman's Rights.)

The grant of 1637, having defined the location of the land, the intervening seven years between 1637 and 1644, were doubtless employed in making the preparations that were necessary at that time, for the location of his future home.

It is difficult at this day to describe what may have been the face of the country at that early time. As a matter of course, nearly the same hills, valleys, swamps and plains abounded, and it is natural to suppose that the lands were almost wholly covered with dense forests, that the primeval woodlands on every hand met the eye. Save where severe drouth and succeeding fire had swept the woodlands, no human hands had cleared the land and it was necessary as a means of defence from any foe that a new country might possess, to have means of communication one with another in times of peril.

Hence the occupation of the Hill-tops and Hill-sides which were so common in early times. They served a good purpose as a position for defence and gave the opportunity of conveying by signal from one to others the approach of impending danger. When a new location was to be made, much preparation was necessary to make the situation safe and secure from any assault that could be made from without. Severe drouth and succeeding fire before the settlements were made had doubtless served a good purpose in the location of some of the early homes. What was afterwards known as "Governors Plain" at the head of Cow-house, or as we call it today, Waters River, may have been one of these fires swept localities and which, with the river as the first highway, may account for the early settlement of the surrounding lands.

This river was an arm of the sea, along which the tide rose and fell, and along its shores from the earliest times homes were built, about which we hope to learn more facts by and by.

The Farmers of Salem Village had made their settlement. The site chosen by Nathaniel Felton for the location of his home must have been well adapted for the purpose of conveying by signal the approach of danger, as it commanded almost at a glance the settlements along the river as well as those at Salem Village.

The settlements along the River included Governor Endicott's Farm House and Salters or Salt house Point, Bass river, Beverly.

What his means of defence were we are left to conjecture. Some hints of a stockade after the manner of the times, have come down to us, but we have no certain records. At Salem Village there was a Block-house, to which it is said the surrounding settlers repaired at nightfall, leaving their cattle and goods to whatever fate might befall them.

In the first laying out of the land, the eastern portion of Mount Pleasant was divided into three portions. The southern part was included in the Downing farm, the northern as the Thorndike grant, which afterwerds was known as a portion of the "Small Lots," while the central portion, nearly triangular in shape and containing about ninety or one hundred acres, was long known as the Common Lands. It was on this northern portion (which is described in the grant as the land that was Mr. Thorndike's) that Nathaniel Felton received his grants of land and where this first house was built.

The pathway or road, now Felton street, leading from the Ipswich old road (now Prospect Street) passed nearly in a straight line between the

Common Lands and his grants to a spring of water which was famous as a spring and also the supposed boundary of the Thorndike grant in that direction. Like many of the houses that were then and subsequently built in this vicinity, the first house is supposed to have had its front towards the south with the chimney in the western end. The large east room in the present house, forming of itself the first story, with two rooms on the ground plan.

About the year 1680 the western end of the house is supposed to have been built for the accommodation of his second son, Nathaniel, his first son, John, having had a house built some years before at a short distance easterly of his father's house, a portion of which is still standing.

Nathaniel, the first settler, died July 30th, 1706, in his ninetieth year. In his will made in 1703 and admitted to Probate May 1706, he says that unto his two sons John and Nathaniel upon their marriage he gave competent portions of his estate, and also unto his two daughters Ruth and Hannah when married, competent portions of moveables. "I also gave each of the two daughters considerable portion of my lands, but unto my eldest daughter Elizabeth I gave no land at her marriage, but now she being a solitary widow and under great bodily weakness, I give her my homestead, two acres of Salt Marsh, and all movable goods.

To my sons John and Nathaniel all pasture land adjoining land given them before allowing to Elizabeth pasture for three cows and three cords of wood yearly."

John had all lands easterly, and Nathaniel had all lands westerly of the ten acres which he describes as his homestead that he had given to his daughter Elizabeth Watkins.

To show the value of land at that time, the ten acres of homestead was apprised at twenty pounds while the two acres of Salt Marsh and "thach" was apprised at the same price, twenty pounds.

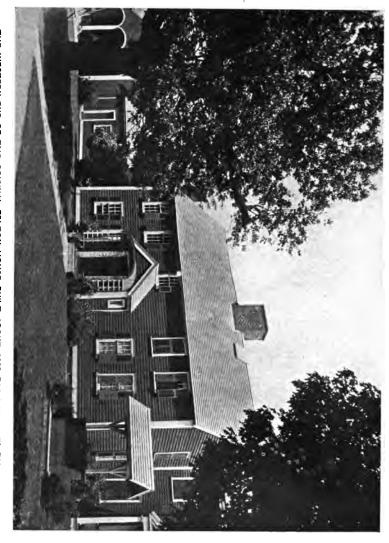
The "thach" was doubtless an important article at that time, 1706; the increased value of this Salt Marsh land over the homestead land may be evidence that the "thach" was still in use to some extent for covering the roofs of buildings.

This Salt Marsh is supposed now to lie in the bed of Waters River Mill Pond between the Dam at the Iron Foundry (which was built ninety years afterwards, in 1796) and the great cove.

To return to Elizabeth, she lived to enjoy her father's bounty for twenty-five years. She died March, 1730-31, aged seventy-eight years. She left some small estate which was divided amongst her heirs, proof of which has come down to us in a paper that has been preserved of an agreement by her heirs in 1733, two years after her decease, which paper aids us very much in describing who her heirs were at that time.

The east portion, or the oldest part of the house, now seems to have come into the possession of Elizabeth's brother, Nathaniel. He died January 1734 at the same age as Elizabeth, seventy-eight years.

In his will he gave to two of his sons, Skelton and Jonathan, the greater



THE WESTERN END OF THE ORIGINAL FELTON HOUSE BUILT ABOUT 1683, FOR NATHANIEL FELTON, JR.

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portion of his estate, including the old homestead. His son Ebenezer to "have one half of ten (10) acres in North Fields where Sister Watkins dwelt." Jonathan was to have "two-fifths of all lands not bequeathed, those that I have the fee of, those that I hold lease of from the selectmen "to include house and barn where he now lives to be set off as shall least incommode my son Skelton, Jonathan paying thirty pounds to Daniel, twenty-five pounds to Margaret Sheldon, and to pay two-fifths of the debts."

The Daniel above mentioned and his brother John settled in Marblehead. Daniel became a blacksmith and was the father of Thomas, who "was present at the Raising of the house that had been built two hundred years ago."

Skelton was to have the remaining three-fifths to support his mother, and to pay John thirty pounds and Margaret fifteen pounds, and to pay three-fifths of the debts.

Skelton was undoubtedly living at the time of his father's decease in the old house, as he was not to be incommoded in the division with his brother Jonathan. Skelton was a favorite son. He was named for his grandmother's family name, she being a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Skelton, one of the first ministers of Salem. This name of Skelton was held with great respect in the family and the name abounded amongst several branches of the family for successive generations.

Skelton, when a young man, had a house built on the Western end of Governors Plain. The Andover Turnpike runs over this plain and his house was on the Northern side on high ground near the Swamp land, and less than a mile from the starting point of the turnpike at the Ipswich Road now Prospect street.

Near his house several grants of land came together almost to a point, including the Nurse lands, the Governors Plain, the land of the Feltons and the Common lands, (Hog Hill, now Mt. Pleasant) of Salem, where the whole of Salem town's swine, it is said, rusticated and fatted up in acorn or autumn time. These lands were all in Salem until January, 1752, when Danvers including Peabody was separated from Salem.

Nearby was Nathaniel Putnam's grant, and almost adjoining Skelton's house-land, on the west, was Miry Swamp, an impassable barrier, on the eastern borders of which had been arranged a series of Wolf Pitts, built to ensnare and to entrap those wiley denizens of the forests that had been attracted from afar by the forced occupation (1637-77) by reason of the times, of the town's common lands in acorn or autumn time.

This location of Skelton's house must at that time and for many years before 1731 have been an important point, for the reasons that have been given, and also that it was at the intersection of two local pathways, one from Salem Village to the common lands, the other leading up to the west (traces of which are still to be seen) and from the north side of the river, Governor Endicott's farm by what is now the brickyards, thence through the Collin's Place, now the Linden's, and by the home of William Sheldon, whose daughter Hepsebah, Skelton married, by which he became the owner of a large portion of the Governors Plain, forty-four acres.

The house of Jonathan's was near the present house and on a portion of the one hundred acres of common lands, seventy acres of which had been leased to several persons for one thousand years in 1677; the balance is supposed to include the land between the present road and the first pathway or road, which land was acquired by the Felton's at an early date, a portion of which Jonathan obtained and built a house or cottage similar to his brother Skelton's. In 1744 Skelton sold his farm, including the old house, to his cousins Samuel and Malachi Felton.

In their division of the land the house stood upon Samuel's portion, and it was put in the Division Deed dated March 18, 1746, that Malachi should have one-half portion of the house (which tradition says was the latest-built portion) and one-half part of the barn standing on land set off to Samuel, and liberty to remove the same any time within three years and one month. At some time between 1746 and 1749 both parts of this first house were removed from their original site on to the land between the two roads, the history of which we know but little. As it was a subsequent grant, there must have been several owners who gained their rights by descent.

Samuel, one of the purchasers, removed the first-built portions of the old house on to the present site for the use of his son Stephen, who died after living there a few years, and Nathaniel, son of Jonathan, married his widow whose descendants have since occupied the house.

There are some marks about this house that testify to its great age. One is the oaken beam overhead which has always been kept uncased in order to show the print of the axe as left by the first builder. Another mark is where a door is supposed to have existed when the house, so to speak, was half of a house, which I shall try to explain before I get through. Malachithe purchaser of the other half of the old house, was the son of a weaver, which was also the occupation of Samuel, the buyer of the first portion of the house.

Malachi's early home was on the Ipswich road, now Prospect Street, and nearly opposite Cross Street. His early advantages are supposed to have been good for the times, as one of the earliest schools had been established but a short distance from his home during his childhood, 1708. This school was kept by Madam Daland.

He afterwards became a school-teacher himself and continued the school begun by Madam Daland in this vicinity. The half of the old house that became Malachi's portion was removed on to the new road, doubtless within the stipulated time, and is familiar to the present generation as the Moses Preston house, which was occupied by the Prestons for nearly one hundred years. The second Moses Preston, like his predecessor in this house, was also a school teacher, he having taught in the public schools of old Danvers for twenty-one years. He told the writer that he taught in three (3) Schools in old Danvers. Seven years in each, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 12 (Old Danvers until 1855 included the present town of Peabody.)

The location of this house of Malachi's is an exception to the rule that was followed in early times, in the fact that it does not front the exact south.



HOUSE BUILT ABOUT 1709 BY SAMUEL FELTON. A RARE TAMARISK TREE MAY BE SEEN NEAR THE ELL.

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This was doubtless a school-masters taste who at school had seen enough of angles, hence when he located his house he had it front the highway or the southwest.

I remember to have seen in the attic of this house one of the old casement windows which were in use in early times, with diamond shaped panes three or four inches on the sides set in sheet lead and hung on hinges. This may have been the style of windows in the old house. It has always been a family tradition that a part or portion of these two houses of Stephen and Malachi—the eastern end of each, following the old style of building originally formed together the old house—that the part that became Stephen's was the first built portion of the first house.

In the earliest times one style of building was to build half a house with the intention of completing the house at some future time. The half of a house to front the exact south. In the western end was placed the chimney which, if we are to judge by the specimens that have been preserved as copies of the original, must have been of goodly size and of sufficient solidity to retain whatever surplus heat the household economy needed.

When the means and necessities of the family had increased, the western end of the house was built with an additional chimney adjoining the chimney of the east part and a seperate flue to the top. This second chimney was not, usually, so large as the first or the east part of the chimney but, taken together, as far as the art had advanced, they must have fulfilled to a considerable degree the purpose for which they were evidently intended, to retain warmth and to keep the house from blowing away.

Some of the early settlers had come by the way of the West Indies, and noting the hurricanes that occur in that section of this, to them, new country, had used caution and prepared themselves for the worst in the building of their permanent homes by placing the chimney at first on the wind-ward end of the house.

Like the building of the first part, the second part or western portion was doubtless built by way of experiment; indeed, it might be truly said of their whole lives—they were one grand experiment! The next feat in house-building was to build, or, as it was commonly expressed, "to put on" a leanto or long kitchen, on the rear or north side of their previous efforts. Heretofore the house had evidently been built for warmth. Fronting the south with two chimneys of goodly size to hold the surplus heat, they must have been successful in keeping out the winter's cold.

The building of the leanto with the roof sloping down to one story was for greater convenience in many ways, but especially to get rid of the summer's heat, and the third era in the building of the house and chimney came to pass, this leanto, with its long kitchen, and the small bedroom on the ground floor, was added to the north side of the main building, a third chimney built alongside the two chimneys of the main structure, of sufficient size to carry off with goodly draft the surplus heat of the summer, and the house was finished; the combined chimney with its many associations and mem-

ories finally became nearly in the centre of the structure. Such was the style of building in early times. The building of this old house at different times made its removal possible. This style of building was not confined to the first settlers alone, but it was continued through several generations. The first house you see on coming to this place after making the ascent of "Pound Hill" Felton street, from Prospect street is of the third generation and built about 1710.

This house was built on the original plan of the east end first with the western end not quite so large, and with the leanto bringing the combined chimney a little one side of the centre of the house towards the western end. Samuel, the purchaser of one-half of the first house and farm, was the builder of this house.

Farther along on the road is the fourth and last of the ancient houses built on the new road. Built about 1750, after the style of that period, it stands nearly in front of the original location of the first house.

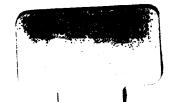
Two more homes complete the list—those of James Houlton and Thorndike Proctor, who married the daughters Ruth and Hannah respectively of the first settler.

James Houlton's house was on the Ipswich road, now better known as the Deacon Thorndike Proctor place of later times. It was here that the first school was kept by Madam Daland, or Dealand, as it was sometimes written. The old house was burned down about 1815. A large square brick house now occupies the old site. Across the way still stands the old barn of Houlton, 1898.

The home of Thorndike Proctor, the first of that name, was at the River Head or Head of Waters River. He was the successor of Benjamin Scarlett and Samuel Endicott, whose widow he married. He was a prominent and leading citizen of affairs of his time and lived a long and useful life. The house that he is supposed to have built about 1750 is still standing at the entrance to the River Head from Andover Street.

Beginning with the history of this old Felton house, I could not very well help saying some things about the homes that gathered around it.

I may have exceeded my time in this description, but there is much interesting matter still left in connection with these old homes that is unwritten.





HOUSE BUILT BY ZECHARIAH FELTON ABOUT 1750.

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THE FELTON HOUSES.

CUT No. 1. The first house on Mt. Pleasant was built in 1644 by Nathaniel Felton, who, with his mother Eleanor, received grants of land from Salem in 1636, '37, and '39.

This house passed to the children of Nathaniel Felton Sr., Elizabeth and Nathaniel Jr. Nathaniel left it to his son Skelton, who sold it to his cousin Samuel in 1744. Samuel removed it to its present location between the

years 1746 and '49.

It descended to his son Stephen whose widow married Nathaniel, son of Jonathan Felton (whose house was not far away in the rear.) Their son Nathaniel inherited it and his descendants have owned and occupied it to this day it now being in possession of Mrs. Harriet (Felton) Rhoades. Her brother, the late Nathaniel Ward Felton, having been of the seventh generation of Feltons and the Sixth Nathaniel to live in this interesting old house.

Of the old tree near this house Mrs. Harriet (Felton) Rhoades writes as follows:--" From our earliest remembrance there were two beautiful old Elm trees before our old home here. The western stood where the maple one now is. Of this tree, which was standing dead, in 1882, we have the knowledge that my grandfather, Nathaniel Felton (5) when he was twelve years old, helped his mother set it out for a mate to the old tree standing, which being covered with woodbine, looks quite attractive to passers by, and to us who remain of the children who used to swing and play upon its low spreading branches, most of which have been brought low by the storms of the century......We conclude that this tree now standing was quite a sizable one then about one hundred and fifty years ago."

CUT No. 2. This house was the western end of the original Felton house built in 1683 for Nathaniel Felton Jr. His son Skelton sold it to his cousin Malachi Felton who removed it to its present site between 1646 and '49. It is today used as a summer residence by Mrs. Joseph N. Smith.

CUT No. 3. This house was built about 1750 by Zechariah Felton (John 2, Nathaniel 1). It stands nearly in front of the original site of the first It is occupied today by Mr. John J. Connors. The large elm Felton house. tree was planted by Amos Felton, a nephew of Zechariah to whom he had given his estate.

CUT No. 4. This house was built in 1709 by Samuel Felton (John 2, Nathaniel 1) and remained in the family until it came into the possession of

Mr. George Reynolds. A rare Tamarisk may be seen in the door yard.
"Of the Tamarisk tree near the ell of the Reynolds house," Mrs. Rhoades
writes: "I had heard the story of its planting from the wife of Geo. W. Reed, but I have this later word from his daughter who writes that the slip was given Mr. Reed thirty-seven (1873) years ago last May by his friend Mr. Perkins of Lynde St., Salem, rooted in charcoal water, and kept covered for the first four years in frosty weather.'

It is indeed a thing of beauty with its tiny pink flowers and feathery foliage, and I never saw another of its kind of half its size.

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FELTON'S CORNER; JUNCTION OF PROSPECT, ANDOVER AND SYLVAN STREETS, PEABODY, MASS. FELTON TRIANGLE, FELTON BURIAL GROUND - HOUSE FORMERLY HOME OF NATHAN FELTON, HOME OF D. H. FELTON.

THE FELTON BURIAL GROUNDS.

The location of the earliest Felton Burial Place, is best described by Mr. D. H. Felton, in a letter written May 6, 1901: "I have placed two light gray stones at each of the four corners of the first Felton Burying Ground in the rear, south-west of the Andover Turn-pike, and have placed the stones far enough apart, to include what I think must be the whole burying-ground and very likely, much more, To find the spot one must go from my house (at the juntion of Sylvan Street), over the Turn-pike about one mile where the upland and the meadow adjoin. The course of the Turn-pike is about north-west. Looking to your left, or about due west as you approach the low ground, you will see a grove of locust trees. Being deciduous and gray they can easily be distinguished from other trees. Just west of this grove, by and south-east of a stone wall is the burying ground. [The pathway of an ancient road from Gov. Endicott's to John Humphrey's Pond (now Suntaug Lake), lies in a small valley as you approach the burying ground from the East.] The first three generations of Feltons were buried here. Moses Preston who was born in 1788, attended the last interment in this ground, about 1800."

The present Felton Burial Ground, Prospect Street, is a part of 18 acres which were bought May 6, 1686, by John Felton (2), Nathaniel (1) of his brother-in-law Samuel Endicott, by a "Turf and Twig" deed, six months later, it is also recorded.

The oldest stone is that of Zachariah Felton who died 23d of March, 1780, aged 54. This stone is of slate with a skull and wings. The other slate stones have the Weeping willow and urn. A few marble slabs have carved upon them a spray of Roses, and one a scroll.

In this Burial Place have been laid to rest five Revolutionary Soldiers one of the War of 1812, a Dartmoor prisoner and one of the soldiers of the War of the Rebellion. Four school teachers of Danvers are here, and one (Nathan Felton) who served the town twenty-eight years as Town Clerk, and fifteen years as Representative.

The Cemetery is still used and well cared fer.

The following inscriptions were copied by Daniel Henry Felton.

A list of several without stones is also added, and there are others which have not been identified, and additions to this list will be gratefully received.

CLARISSA PROCTOR WIFE OF BENJAMIN EARLE SEPT. 1, 1800 APRIL 8, 1880

GEORGE W. EARLE DIED March 23, 1860

Æt 23 yrs. 3 mos.

Thou sleepest but we will not forget thee.

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CAROLINE
daughter of
Daniel & Hannah P.
FELTON
Died March 3, 1839
Aged 11 months
Child of promise, hope and love
We yet shall meet, blessed thoughts, above.

CAPT. DANIEL FELTON
Born
May 13, 1794
Died
March 28, 1861

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FANNY FELTON
Died
June 14, 1855
Aged 64 yrs.

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In Memory of
MRS. HANNAH FELTON
wife of
Mr. Nathaniel Felton
who died Sept. 6, 1825
aged 57 years
ne and domestic duties were

Home and domestic duties were Her chief delight, her cherished care Faith, meekness, piety and love Her ornaments. Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn

SACRED
To the Memory of
Mrs. HANNAH FELTON
Relict of
Mr. Timothy Felton
who died
Sept. 19, 1815;
Aged 72.

The dark silent grave holds the form once so dear In slumbers of death lies the cold silent clay The voice of a mother no more shall I hear To greet my return or to welcome my stay.

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MRS. HANNAH P. FELTON
Wife of
DANIEL FELTON
and daughter of
the late
NATHAN FELTON, Esq.
Died Apr. 5, 1849
Aged 47

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Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn

In memory of MRS. LYDIA, wife of Nathan Felton Esq. who died Nov. 28, 1832 Æt 61

Affliction sore long have I bore, Physicians tried in vain But God was pleased to give me ease And free me from my pain.

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MARTHA ABIGAIL daughter of Daniel & Hannah P. FELTON. Died July 20, 1845. Aged 19 yrs. & 7 mos.

The joy of her parents The beloved teacher The faithful friend is seen no more But her spirit, her example liveth. Slate: Urn

In memory of
MISS MEHITABLE FELTON
Eldest daughter of
Capt. Nathan Felton
who died Apr. 14, 1813
ÆT 16

We have seen her health bloom, decay Our fondest hopes are suept away Yet why that heart falt sigh Since resignation faith and hope In anguish bore her spirit out And taught us how to die.

12

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn

In Memory of NATHAN FELTON Esq. born June 15, 1770: died Feb. 26, 1829: Æt 58

A kind faithful & instructive Companion, Parent & Friend An upright Magistrate A patriotic Citizen & An konest man Whose very failings leaned to virtue's side

13

Marble: Urn

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
MR. NATHAN FELTON, JR.
only son of
Nathan Felton Esq
S Mrs. Lydia Felton
Who died at Gardner
MAINE, AUG. 10, 1818
AGED 19

By friends beloved, by Strangers honored, comforted and mourned; Parental Affaction caused his remains to be removed and here deposited near kindred dust, that those who loved him best might have the satisfaction of cherishing the remembrance of his many virtues and amiable disposition by weeping over his grave.

14

Marble: Willow and Urn

In Memory of Mr. Nathaniel Felton who died May 20, 1836 aged 76 years

His life throughout this lesson taught All good on earth is labour-bought Virtue, faith, honor, piety Exist not without industry.

15

SARAH
wife of
ASA FELTON
died
Aug. 9, 1848
aged 84 yrs.

16

Slate: Willow

SARAH D.
daughter of Mr.
Daniel & Mrs.
Hannah P. Felton
died Sept. 25,
1832 Æ 2 y.

Alas how oft does death destroy The lovely babe, the parents joy.

17

Slate: Urn

S. A. R. Marker

In Memory of
MR. TIMOTHY FELTON
who died
Oct. 12, 1811
Æt 69

The sweet remembrance of the just Shall flourish when they sleep in dust. Slate: Skull and Wings

Here lies buried the Body of Mr. ZECHARIAH FELTON who departed this life March ye 23d, 1780 Aged 54

19

SACRED
To the Memory of
ZACHABIAH FELTON
who died
March 22, 1842
Aged 42

20

ZACHARIAH Son of Z. & A b i g a i l K. FELTON born June 22, 1842 died March 4, 1843

21

FRANCIS P. HOOPER
adopted son of
Matthew & Polly Hooper
was drowned Aug. 24, 1848
Aged 5 yr. 9 mos. 6 days.

Aged 5 yr. 9 mos. 6 days.

We love to call him ours,
And give to thee our care
Thy heart was filled with goodness pure
That made thy presence dear.
We hoped to have thee long
To make our pathway bright
We hoped that thou wouldst stay with us
And be our daily light,
But since thou hast been called
To dwell with God above
We will rejoice that we may hold
The memory of our leve
And live upon the hope
That when this life is o'er
We meet again in that bright home
When we shall part no more.

22

MATTHEW HOOPER died Jan. 19, 1858, In the 66 year of his age.

His daily prayer far better understood In acts than words, was samply doing good.

23

S. A. R. Marker

SAMUEL F. PRAY

Born

July 29, 1839

died

April 7, 1904

24

SARAH J. wife of SAMUEL F. PRAY Born Dec. 5, 1838 died May 16, 1882

25

Marble: Spray of Roses

wife of
MOSES PRESTON
Died Nov. 2, 1854
Æt. 65 yrs.

Life makes the soul dependant on the dust, Death gives her wings to mount Above the spheres.

26

Marble: Spray of Roses

ELIZA ANN
daughter of
Moses & Betsey F.
PRESTON
Died June 5, 1851
Aged 22 years.
My Heavenly Father's Cell,
In hope, I follow to the unknown world
Trusting in Him, and knowing whom 1 trust,
Or death or life is equal.

16

Slate: Weeping Willow & Urn

In Memory of
LEVI AUGUSTUS
Son of
Mo. Levi &
Mrs. Rebecca Preston
who died Feb. 21, 1819
Aged 7 mos.
& 13 days
Child of sorrow, sweetly sleep
Thou art happy, who can weep?

28.

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn

In Memory of
LEVI WARREN
Son of
Mr. Levi &
Mrs. Rebecca Presion
who died Aug. 18, 1814
Aged 20 mos.
& 7 days
Alas how oft does death destroy
The lovely babe, the mother's joy.

29

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn.

S. A. R. Marker.
In Memory of
Mr. Moses Preston
who died
Feb. 26, 1824
Æt 65

of wounds received by being thrown from his wagon Dec. 27, 1823.

So unaffected, so composed a mind So firm yet soft, so strong, yet so resigned Heaven, as its pursest gold by tortures in'd The soul sustained, but the body dy'd.

30

MOSES PRESTON
Died
Mch. 13, 1878
Aged 88 yrs.
8 mos.
"An Honest Man."

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn.

In Memory of REBECCA daughter of Mr. Levi & Mrs. Rebecca Preston Who died Aug. 20, 1816 Aged 7 months & 3 days

Cropt in an unexpected hour We mourn the fairest embryo flower.

32

Marble: Urn.

SACRED
To the Memory of
REBECCA
daughter of Nathaniel
Hannah Felton
and Wife of
LEVI PRESTON Jr.
who died Nov. 18, 1824
Aged 35

An affectionate Daughter, faithful Wife, a 'd unfortunate Mother whose health & vivacity sunk under maternal sufferings without a murmur, without neglecting one social or domestic duty, seemed to be drawn down to the grave by Love for her Children who had gone there before her.

83

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn.

SARAH
widow of the late
Moses Preston
Died Jan. 28, 1855
Æt 92

Blest be that hand divine which gently laid my heart to rest beneath this humble sod.

34

EDWARD PRICE Born June 6, 1821 Died July 31, 1894 ELIZA M.
wife of
WILLIAM PRICE
1809 — 1899

36

JOHN PRICE Born Nov. 3, 1813 died Apr. 21, 1887

37

Mrs. Lydia F.
wife of
William Prick
and daughter of
the late
Nathan Proctor Esq.
Died Aug. 7, 1845
Aged 39

38

JOHN PRICE
Born Dec. 25, 1779
Died June 26, 1868
SALLY WILSON
His wife
Born Aug. 1783
Died Dec. 10, 1859

39

LYDIA A. P. PRICE 1836 — 1910

40

MARY A. WIFE OF WM. H. PRICE DEC. 27, 1845 APRIL 12, 1910

41

WILLIAM PRICE Born Feb. 1, 1809 Died Jan. 18, 1890 42

ASENATH PROCTER
Died
Aug. 6, 1886
Æt. 83 yrs

43

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn.

SACRED
To the memory of
Miss ELIZABETH PROCTER
who died
Nov. 2, 1824
Æt 74

She was distinguised as a teacher of a school for 52 years.

44

Marble: Spray of Roses.

ELIZABETH
wife of
THORNDIKE PROCTER
Died Oct. 12, 1860
Aged 77

Why do we mourn departing friends Or shake at deaths alarms Tis but the voice that Jesus sends To call them to his arms.

45

In Memory of MR.
GEORGE PROCTER who died
Oct. 23, 1845
Aged 56

46

Miss
HANNAH PROCTER
DIED
Oct. 24, 1851
Aged 84 yrs.

47

MISS HANNAH PROCTOR
Died
May 1, 1862
Aged 82

S. A. R. Marker
SACRED
To the Memory of
CAPT. JONATHAN PROCTER
who died

Aug. 4, 1808 Aged 69

49

JONATHAN PROCTER
DIED

March 18, 1853
 Aged 83 yrs.

50

Slate: Willows and Urn.

SACRED

To the Memory of
MRS. JUDITH PROCTER
relict of
Capt. Jonathan Procter
who died
Nov. 3, 1821

51

Æt 76

Miss

MARY PROCTER
DIED

Nov. 18, 1836 Aged 76

52

PHEBE

wife of
Jonathan Procter
DIED
May 28, 1853
Aged 57 yrs.

Marble: with carved hand

Dea.
THORNDIKE PROCTOR
DIED

DIED Feb. 24, 1871 Æ: 84 yrs. 7 mos.

Ill praise my maker with my breath And when my voice is lost in death Praise shall employ my noble powers My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought and being last Or immortality endures.

54

REBECCA P.
daughter of
George W. &
Abigail K. Reed
Died
Sept. 23, 1845
Aged 15 mos.

55

Slate: Willow and Urn.

Erected
In Memory of
MR. JOHN ROBERTS
of Burton, N. H.
who was drowned
June 10, 1825
Aged 24

Weep not for me who sleep in peace We know that death is ever right Though now health your days increase.

56

CALEB S. RUSSELL Born March 9, 1813 Died Oct. 2, 1903

57

EBN^R K. TOWNSON DIED Jan 14, 1851 aged 24 yrs & 10 mos.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

CHARLES E. WILSON 1834 — 1910

59

S. A. R. Marker
NEWHALL WILSON
Died Sept. 22, 1832
Aged 77
Also his wife
SARAH WILSON
Died Dec. 3, 1831
Aged 72

60

SARAH F.
wife of
ROBERT WILSON
DIED
Nov. 20, 1836,

aged 85 yrs.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them.

61

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn.

In memory of ISRAEL WOOD who died Dec. 16, 1834 Æt 75

How still and peaceful is the grave Where his's vain tumult's past The appointed house by heaven's decree Receives us all at last, In Memory of Mr. ISRAEL WOOD, JR. who died June 29, 1830 Æt 33

No more! my friends, don't weep for me, I am gone to sternity, The way of death you all must tread, And sleep with me among the dead.

63

Slate: Urn.

In Memory of Mrs. PHEBE WOOD wife of Mr. Israel Wood Obt. Jan. 12, 1802 Aged 40 Years

Great God I own the sentence just, And nature must decay, I yield my body to the dust And dwell with fellow clay.

64

Slate: Weeping Willow and Urn.

In Memory of MRS. PHEBE 2d wife of Mr. Israel Wood who died Nov. 18, 1816 Aged 54

Yet faith may triumph o'er the grave And tremble on the tombs. My Jesus, my Redeemer lives My God, my Saviour comes.

GRAVES WITHOUT STONES.

John M. Abbott,	B. Mch. 2, 1771.	D. Feb. 13, 1824
Polly (Proctor) w. of J. M. Abbott	B. Aug. 17, 1778.	D. Dec. 8, 1817
Polly Abbott, d. of J. M. and Polly	3 ,	•
Abbott	B. Jan. 5, 1801.	D. Oct. 7, 1806
Mary Proctor Abbott, d. of J. M.	•	•
and Polly Abbott	B. Nov. 15, 1806.	D. Mch. 3, 1816
Mary 2nd w. of J. M. Abbott	В.	D. Oct. 1824
Asa Felton, S. A. R. Marker,	B. Jan. 10, 1759.	D. July 16, 1800
Dea. Malachi Felton	B. May 14, 1705.	D. 1779 or 1780
Jos. Warren Hanson, s. of Isaac		
Hanson	B. May 7, 1843.	D. Sept. 11, 1846
Polly (Wood) Hooper, Lord, w. of	_, _, , .,	
Matthew Hooper, married		
2nd, William Lord	B. Sept. 25, 1794.	D. Mch. 29, 1880
Irene W. Messer	B. Feb. 19, 1896.	D. Nov. 24, 1896
Martha Abigail (Felton) Pike	B. Aug. 26, 1846.	D. June 23, 1888
Martha A. Pike, d. of W. L. and	g,	2
M. A. Pike	B. Aug. 6, 1880.	D. Dec. 4, 1888
Mercy (Mc. Mellen), w. of John	g,	_,,
Pike	B. Feb. 17, 1799.	D. May 16, 1833
Amos Putnam, s. of Dr. James		
P. Putnam	B. Feb. 4, 1772.	D. Oct. 24, 1848
Amos Putnam Jr.	B. Feb. 11, 1806.	D. Mch. 13, 1867
Desire (Felton) Putnam, w. of		
Amos Putnam	B. June 9, 1773.	D. Dec. 11, 1834
Julia Ann Putnam, d. of Amos	2, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2,	
Putnam	B. Jan. 26, 1803.	D. Sept. 24, 1868
Salome Putnam, d. of Amos Put-	2. 0 20, 2000.	
nam	B. Oct. 7, 1799.	D. June 17, 1868
Rebecca P. Reed, d. of Geo. and	.,	2
A. K. Reed	B. June 22, 1844.	D. Sept. 23, 1845
Hitty P. (Russell) Westcott, w. of		
John Westcott	B. Aug. 16, 1840.	D. Oct. 14, 1871
Mary Eliz. Towne, d. of Amos P.	g,	2. 555. 25, 25.2
Towne	B. Sept. 15, 1837.	D. Aug. 7, 1844
Marietta Tyler, d. of Abel S.		_ , _ , ,
Tyler	B. Nov. 27, 1845.	D. May 15, 1846
Mehitabel F. (Proctor), Russell	B. Sept. 27, 1814.	D. Oct. 1, 1907
Martha (Felton) Wilson, w. of		=: 200.
Moses Wilson	B. Oct. 23, 1797.	D. June 6, 1880
Moses William Wilson, s. of M.		=:,
and M. Wilson	B. Aug. 12, 1821.	D. May 28, 1904
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ICAL SOCIETY.

completed the second year of its exon, resulting from a steady natural he institutions of the town, and has to be felt in the community. It is ad before the Society have had some

the past year follows: There have verly meetings, one of them a field reial meeting April 19th.

the following officers were elected, sident, Warren D. King; Vice Presithwick; Treasurer, Sylvanus L. New-Bushby; Corresponding Secretary, T. Gifford, Nathan A. Bushby, Nancy Adaline A. Little, Daniel H. Felton, braham C. Osborne.

ed during the year, and one honorary of 118 active and three honorary memty has lost six members by death.
d before the Society:

By Mr. Daniel H. Felton Mr. Warren D. King Mr. Abraham C. Osborne Mr. Thomas Carroll Gen. Francis H. Appleton Mr. D. Webster King

Hon. B. F. Southwick

ety, from which a committee was chosen money to copy the records of Danvers Danvers (now Peabody) from Danvers, work. At present this town has no of its separation.

ption from the members of the Society, known graves of four Revolutionary solound on Main street, fills every Peabodyong that line should be continued.

is in a more firmly established condition tion at the room has grown wonderfully, and present, its prospects are very bright.

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15th, 1896.

OFFICERS, 1909-1910.

President	REV. GEORGE W. PENNIMAN
1st Vice President	JEFFERSON K. COLE
2nd Vice President	WILLARD W. WOODMAN
Recording Secretary	MRS. HELEN K. ROBINSON
Corresponding Secretary -	MRS. ELIZABETH C. OSBORN
Treasurer	LYMAN P. OSBORN
Assistant Treasurer	MISS HELEN C. ALLEN
Chairman Hospitality Com	MISS SARAH S. MOORE
Librarian	MRS. ELIZABETH C. OSBORN
Assistant Librarian	MISS NETTIE M. WILLEY

DIRECTORS.

DANIEL H. FELTON,
RICHARDS B. MACKINTOSH,
SAMUEL CRANE LORD,
MRS. NANCY J. MOULTON,

MISS DOROTHEA C. SAWTELL, MRS. SUSAN E. THORNDIKE, P. H. O'CONOR, BENJAMIN N. MOORE,

ALBERT ROBINSON.

CALENDAR 1909-1910.

1909

May

5. At the Annual Meeting of the Society, with the President Mr. William Armstrong in the chair, the officers and committees read their Annual Reports, showing the Society to be in a good condition. The thanks of the society were given Mr. Armstrong for his generous gift towards a permanent home for the Society.

After the completion of the usual routine business, light refreshments were served by the hospitality committee, and a social hour ensued.

Oct 2. At the field Meeting of the Society held at the Felton School house (built 1841) eighty persons were present, including, as our special guests, members of the Danvers Historical Society. The President Rev. Geo. W. Penniman opened the meeting by saying, that this was really an "Old Home Day," to which we had invited our Mother, (Danvers) and our Grandmother, (Salem, represented by the Essex Institute.)

A letter was read from the President, Gen'l Appleton, with the greetings and good wishes of the Essex Institute, and a sketch of the Schools of Salem previous to 1672.

Mr. Andrew Nichols gave the history of the early schools of Danvers on which subject Mr. Nichols is certainly an authority.

Mr. Frank A. Gardner then told us of the first school in that part of Salem now Peabody, for the maintenance of which it was voted by Salem to set apart 5£, annually "towards learning their children to read write and cypher." A school was started in March 1712 on site of what is now 62 Central St., of which Katherine Daland was the first teacher.

Mr. W. Woodman then read a very interesting paper written by Mr. D. H. Felton, about the Early Schools in that neighborhood, including that at Proctor's Crossing and the Felton School the oldest schoolhouse now in use and where we were holding our Mention was made by Mr. Daniel H. Felton of Malachi Felton, the first Teacher at Proctor's Crossing, and of Elizabeth Procter who taught "for over fifty years." Miss Fannie Brown of Andover gave a most interesting account of the school in South Peabody, and of some of its early teachers, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Benjamin Giles, Miss Mathilda Parker and Mr. Geo. H. Martin, of the State Board. A most interesting paper on the "Peabody Schools in the 19th. Century" written in 1900 by the late Judge Amos Merrill was read by his grand-daughter, Miss Alice Merrill. Among other speakers were Mr. Henry H. Proctor of Boston, Judge Sears, Capt. Comey and Mr. Gilbert Tapley of Danvers, who told us that the present Felton School was built of brick that it might not be moved across the brook into Danvers. Miss Sarah J. C. Needham of West Peabody also spoke briefly.

Wild flowers were gathered for decoration by the scholars of the Felton School and several fitting reminders of the old schooldays were placed upon the walls, among them, a "Return of the School District No. 6, and lists of names of the pupils for the years, 1836-7 and 1837-8 on which Mr. Gilbert Tapley's age was given as 14, Mrs. Eliza Preston now 86, was both a scholar and a teacher. Mrs.

Sarah A. Tibbetts of 18 Essex St. Danvers kinely loaned this "Return" and thinks it was written by her father, Elisha Hyde who was one of the Prudential Committee at the time. Mrs. Mary S. Pike of Danvers, another teacher of the Felton School was also present. Punch and wafers and a delightful social hour followed.

Nov. 17

After the opening of the meeting, the President, Rev. Mr. Penniman referred to a letter from Mr. Myron L. Chamberlain of Boston and Beverly offering to erect a tablet to the memory of Katharine Daland, the first recorded school-teacher in that part of Salem now called Peabody, the details to be left to the Peabody Historical Society. On motion of Mr. Cole this gift was accepted and referred to the executive committee to carry out.

The President then introduced Mrs. George W. Towne of Danvers with words fitting the subject of the evening, "Rebecca Nurse." Mrs. Towne spoke most sympathetically and interestingly, of this English woman who was tried, sentenced and hanged for witch-craft at the age of seventy. The human side of the story was so touched upon that the life of Rebecca Nurse seemed like that of a personal friend. Hearty appreciation was expressed by the President, and a social hour followed, in charge of the hospitality committee, Miss Sarah S. Moore. chairman.

Dec. 15 In the absence of the President, Vice President Cole presided. In recognition of the long time interest in the objects for which the Society stands and for which he so loyally worked and acted as Vice President many years, it was voted that Mr. Thomas Carroll be made an Honorary Member of the Society.

A committee composed of the President, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn, and Miss Nettie M. Willey was appointed to plan for an appropriate seal for the Society. Mr. Luther Atwood of Lynn was then introduced as the speaker of the evening. His Subject was "Gove's Rebellion" which took place January 27, 1682-3 in the towns of Exeter and Hampton, New Hampshire. This rebellion has a special interest as the first recorded instance of opposition to the rule of the English Governor. Vice President Cole expressed the appreciation of the society for this most interesting paper the audience responding with a rising vote of thanks. The hospitality committee took charge of the social hour following.

1910

Jan'y 25 The President, Rev. Mr. Penniman presented Mr. Benjamin N. Moore, who briefly outlined the origin and history of leather-making in old Salem from the days of Philemon Dickerson of Salem, in 1639, and of Thomas Eaborne 1642 and Samuel Kborne near Aborn Street 1643, and of John Burton 1669, in "Col. Read's Swamp," back of what in 1731 was Jonathan Kettle's Pottery and today Mr. Jacob Bodges, No. 31 Andover Street, and that part of the town now Peabody, up to the present time, including the names of Jacobs, Osborn, Poor, Proctor, Shove, Southwick and other familiar names. The changes in the process of tanning were explained and a large number of samples were shown. A fleshing or skiving knife presented to Henry Poor by his father, when he started in business, presented by Mrs. Cleaves Hutchinson; a ball for marking the leather, by Capt. Robert Daniels, and a bit of leather found in the early vat of Philemon Dickerson in 1886, by Mr. Thomas Carroll, were exhibited.

It is hoped other relics of the tanning industry will be presented to the Society.

The usual social hour followed this most instructive talk.

Mch. 9. The President presented Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn, who read a paper on "The Potter's Industry in Our Town." The paper was introduced by reference to the many poems which have been inspired by this work, including one of local interest written by Dr. Nichols in 1852. "The Song of the Wheel," from Longfellow's Keramos, was most artistically rendered by Mrs. J. J. Thorndike. A quotation from a letter written to friends in England in 1629, by Rev. Francis Higginson, mentioned that good clay had been found in Salem "for Brickes and Tyles and Earthen Pots." The Glasshouse Field, today, on the border line between Salem and Peabody, received special mention; also Jonathan Kettle's Pottery of 1731, at what is now No. 31 Andover Street, and Joseph Osborne's, No. 91 Central Street, in 1736.

A list of old Potters presented by Mr. Nathan Bushby was made the back ground of the paper. Other interesting facts were contributed by Mr. Daniel H. Felton and Mr. Andrew Nichols. The large collection of old local Pottery was on exhibition, while other pieces were loaned for the evening. Part of two wheels found at the Amos Osborn Pottery, now carried on by Mr. Moses B. Paige, and at the Kendall Osborne Farm, were put together, and used by Mr. Edwin A. Rich, an expert from Mr. Paige's Pottery, the last and only Pottery in town today, to illustrate the use of the "Potter's Wheel," making such forms as were suggested by members of the audience and becoming the centre of attraction for the rest of the evening.

April 19. The meeting which fell upon this date, was one of the largest attended and most enjoyable, of the year, about one hundred members and guests sitting down to an old-fashioned supper prepared by Mrs. Brooks. Private individuals provided indian pudding, candy and preserved ginger, and to Mr. Felton the Society was indebted for some particularly fine apples. The supper was held in the Masonic Banquet Hall and the attractive tables were lighted only by candles, presented by Mr. Fred W. Bushby. After the supper a vocal solo, "Dreaming of Home and Mother," was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Leon G. Miles, to her own accompaniment on the autoharp.

The President, Rev. Mr. Penniman, opened the literary exercises with expressions of regret that Mr. Thomas Carroll could not, on account of illness, be present as had been planned.

He then referred to the three noted events which have made the Nineteenth of April a famous date, in 1689, 1775 and 1861, eighty-six years elapsing between the dates.

Mr. Ezra D. Hines then gave his most interesting paper on "What the Danvers Men did in 1775," which included the part the men, of our town of Peabody took, on that historic day.

Mrs. Miles then sang "The Flag of the Free."

The President then introduced one of our Honorary Members, Hon. Robert S. Rantoul, who gave a delightfully reminiscent talk on the three celebrations of the nineteenth of April in Concord, in 1850, 1875 and 1900.

Judge Edward J. Battis, of Salem, brought the greetings of the Massachusetts Sons of the Revolution.

Mr. Andrew Nichols presented to the Society certain valuable facts concerning General Gideon Foster, the local hero of that day.

The proposed seal for the Society was passed around and commented upon, and Mr. William Armstrong was added to the committee, and called upon for remarks. He spoke particularly of the need of the Society for a permanent home of its own.

It was voted that the committee having the seal in charge be empowered to secure the same.

The evening came to a happy close when Mrs. Miles gave most beautifully her last solo, "Long Live the Merry Heart."

NEW MEMBERS.

Nov. 7, 1909.

Honorary Member—Mr. Thomas Carroll.
John J. Connor,
S. Howard Donnell,
Arthur A. Osborne.

May 4, 1910.

Geo. S. Curtis,
Mrs. Geo. S. Curtis,
George R. Felt,
Mrs. George R. Felt,
Herbert A. Harrington,
Mrs. Herbert A. Harrington,
Mrs. Alvah O. Moore,
Mrs. Moses B. Paige,
Mrs. Alonzo Raddin,

Mrs. Mary E. Shaw, Charles F. Teague, Mrs. Charles F. Teague, Thomas H. O'Shea, Mrs. Thomas H. O'Shea, Miss Nellie L. Stockwell, Mrs. Ellen G. Hart, Miss Alice L. Poor, Miss Mary A. Draper.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. D. B. Lord.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 2D, 1910.

GENERAL FUND.

R	ec	ei	n	ts.	

Balance May 1, 1909,	\$128.60
Dues and Admission Fees,	126.00
Sales of Postal Cards,	35.70
Interest, Warren Five Cents Savings Bank,	8.08
Use of Electrotype Cuts,	5.00
Tickets to Antiquarian Supper, April 19, 1910,	48.00
Town Treasurer, for April 19th,	5.0 0

Payments.

	\$150.00
	6.00
	30.00
	23.25
	6.00
	10.90
	12.50
	5.68
	3.00
	2.00
	6.08
	5.00
	50.00
	\$310.41
	41.57
351.98	\$351.98
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SAMUEL B. STIMPSON FUND.

Savings Bank, \$1, Interest accured to date,	~~
Interest engineed to date	
Interest accured to date,	82.42

\$1,082.42

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

Previously Reported,	\$25.00
William Armstrong,	25.00
Mrs. Lydia W. Thacher,	25.00
Miss Mary Jane Buxton,	25.00
Interest Accrued at Savings Bank,	1.25

\$101.25

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN P. OSBORN, Treasurer.

PEABODY, May 4, 1910.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN.

Your Corresponding Secretary and Librarian has been kept busy with inquiries and filling blanks for Statistics. There has also been an increasing demand for our Post Cards and Reports, by mail. If we can afford to continue to publish the material we have collected and hope to collect in the future, our usefulness will be quite reason enough for our existence. Our lives will not be long enough to finish the work we wish to do along this line of publication. Not only the Papers on Local Subjects read before the Society, with illustrations in note or picture, but many a bit of history, in journal or diary or deed, is worthy of a place between the covers of a book.

We owe grateful remembrance to Mr. Grosvenor for his constant sale of Postals for they have been our one source of income. Now that they are selling at such low prices in the stores, it is hoped that each member will at least buy one set of our 63 views in town. Our Post Card plates have this year served a double purpose. They have been used in a pamphlet of the towns of Peabody and Danvers; and for a much more interesting purpose, have made the journey to Baltimore. Here they were used in the "Peabody Bulletin," a publication issued by the Preparatory Department of the Peabody Institute, Conservatory of Music, to give the pupils an opportunity to get a glimpse of the Birthplace of George Peabody to whom they, like ourselves, owe so much. All this came about through a chance acquaintance on a steamer by our members Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Bushby. They discovered a common interest, "George Peabody." One was interested in the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, the others in that of our own town. The result has been a correspondence and exchange of publications, relating to our Benefactor, through the kindness of the Secretary, Miss Bertha Leary.

These Bulletins have been very interesting to all who have read them. George Peabody should ever be a source of study and inspiration to the children of the Town which bears his name.

On June 1st, 1909, a petition was sent the selectmen, from the Society, asking if the Town would recognize the 17th and other patriotic Holidays, by ringing the bells. Thus our Patriotic enthusiasm has been aroused without danger to life or limb.

In addition to the plan for erecting a tablet to General Foster, for which a commmittee has been appointed, the suggestion has been made that some memorial should be erected in memory of Katherine Daland, the first School Mistress in our town mentioned on the old town records of Salem. For this purpose, Dr. Myron P. Chamberlain offered a substantial gift. This with many other gifts grew out of the Field-meeting and the subject of the day, "Schools." A list of the old class of 1836 and 1837 in the Felton School was presented at this time by Mrs. Sarah A. Tibbets, of Danvers; also Mr. Amos Merrill's Paper on the "Schools," his poster containing a description of the 13 school districts, his bronze models of the two High School Medals, and a set of school reports. A copy of the "Scholar's Manuel," written by Elmer Valentine, an old-time School-master, and used in our schools over 60 years ago, was given us by William Bushby. This should be revised and used in the schools of today.

Copies of the High School Paper have been given and also the Peabody Progress, and it might be said here that every paper printed here in town is desired, until a set has been completed both at the Library and in our Society.

Several additions have been made to the collection of Almanacs, so that a set of "Farmers" is nearing completion. These have been catalogued and arranged by Mrs. Taylor this winter. An Index to the Baptisms in the First Church in Salem by Miss Allen, is nearing completion.

A bit of local weaving and spinning, has been donated by Mrs. Ferguson.

The Commonwealth has sent us many volumes of the "Vital Statistics," including the second volume of "Danvers." The Essex Institute has also sent a few volumes of "Danvers," which may be sold.

A Collection of 34 Proclamations, from 1878 to date, has been presented by Mrs. Hudson. A collection of Autograph Letters, written at the time of the George Peabody Celebration, of 1895, by Mrs. Harry F. Walker. The first Telegraph Instrument in town, used by Mr. D. P. Grosvenor, was intrusted to us when he left town, and we hope he will some day tell us all about it. The gift by Mr. Paige of the old Amos Osborne Balance Wheel; and the head and shaft of Kendall Osborn, Sr's. Wheel, enabled us to have the Pottery Paper most interestingly illustrated by Mr. Edwin A. Rich. The Pottery Collection has been especially enjoyed this winter. The General Israel Putnam Chapter, D. A. R. of Danvers, held a meeting here, and Mrs. George W. Towne gave one of her most interesting talks on "Old American Pottery."

From the old Felton House, on Felton's Hill, have come several interesting school books and pamphlets, a bit of pottery and a copy of Nathaniel Bowditch's "New American Navigator," 1807, also "A Code of Signals for the Use of Vessels," by Captain Marryat, 1851.

A Collection of Rewards of Merit presented to the three Mills sisters from 1812-1823, is a touching reminder of childhood days.

A photograph of our Gingerbread Molds has been inserted in the Volume just published by Arthur W. Brailie on "Bakers and Bakeries and Allied Industries" with matter concerning Mr. Stimpson's Bakery.

The evening on our Leather Industries led to gifts of hides, very appropriate at this time because the hide has been accepted as the center of our seal. These hides from Mr. Moore, a clipping from the Hide and Leather Magazine, other cuts representing the ideas of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Co., Morrill Leather Co., and Mr. Armstrong, are vieing with each other for a preference.

Invitations have been received to attend the meetings of the following societies:

1809.

- June 12. The Bay State Historical League, entertained by the Medford Historical Society.
- June 23. The Danvers Historical Society, at the George Jacobs Farm.
- June 23. The Gardner Family Association, in Salem.
- July 21. The Essex Institute, entertained by the Marblehead Historical Society.
- Aug. 14. The Piscataqua Pioneers, at Portsmouth.
- Sept. 16. The Old Planters Society, entertained by the Marblehead Historical Society.
- Oct. 23. The Bay State Historical League, entertained by the Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Dec. 27-31. The American Historical Association, at New York.

1910.

Jan'y 15. The Bay State Historical League, entertained by the Roxbury Historical Society.

April 23. The Bay State Historical League, entertained by the Dedham Historical Society.

These invitations were accepted and much pleasure and instruction were derived from the meetings by those attending:—Rev. Geo. W. Penniman, Mr. D. H. Felton, Mrs. H. K. Foster, Miss Sarah S. Moore, Arthur A. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn, Mrs. Hannah E. Poor, Miss Alice E. Teague, Miss Alice E. Trask.

A wider interest has been shown in our Annual Reports, on account of the insertion of the Historical or Genealogical Papers or illustrations. Our Exchange List is as follows: American Antiquarian Society, Baltimore Peabody Institute, Bay State Historical League, Boston Athenaeum, Brookline Historical Society, Cambridge Historical Society, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Congressional Library, Danvers Historical Society, Essex Institute, Ipswich Historical Society, Leominster Historical Society, Lynn Historical Society, Malden Historical Society, Marblehead Historical Society, Massachusetts Historical Society, Massachusetts State Library, Minnesota Historical Society, Missouri State Historical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, New York Public Library, Norwood Historical Society, Old Planter's Society, Rhode Island Historical Society, South Natick Historical Society, Wisconsin State Historical Society, and Yale University Library.

The Rooms of the Society have been open as usual, every Monday afternoon from 2.30 to 5 o'clock, when the following list of members have acted as a Hospitality Committee: Miss Helen C. Allen, Mrs. Nancy J. Moulton, Mrs. E. C. Osborn, Mrs. Annie S. Porter, Mrs. Minnie A. Shanahan, Mrs. Fannie G. Taylor and Mrs. Susie E. Thorndike. Other members of the Room Committee are: Mr. D. H. Felton, Miss Sarah J. C. Needham and Mr. Sylvanus L. Newhall.

We will close as we began with a plea for a greater interest in our publications, and the where withall to publish the papers now in our possession, and to secure a permanent Home for our Society.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

	Pamphlets, Postal Cards and Ph	otogi	raphs are for sale by the Society,
the	rooms being open to the public ev	ery l	Monday afternoon.
"Т	he Home of John Proctor," by Wi	lliam	P. Upham \$.25
"T	edication of Memorial Tablet at Bi	rthp	lace of George Peabody," .25
" E	listory of Peabody," by Theodore	M. Ós	sborne 2.00
" T	'ital Statistics of Danvers,'' Essex	Inst	itute 4.24
" S	ome Places of Historic Interest in	Our 7	Fown ''
An	nual Report with " Lexington Mon	ume	nt Memorandum''25
Αn	nual Report with "Story of the H	igh S	chool," by Thomas Car-
	roll		
An	nual Report with "Story of the	Lex	
	Thomas Carroll		
Αn	nual Report with "Danvers Mart	yrs,''	a poem by Rev. A. P.
	Putnam, D. D		
	nual Report with "Capt. Sam'l Fli		
An	nual Report with "Broadside wit	h Ac	count of Battle of Still-
	water, Sept. 19, 1777"	•	·
An	nual Report with "Graves of Revo	lutio	
	S. A. R. "		
Αn	nual Report with "Old Burying G	roun	d, Main Street''25
Po	stal Cards with local views .		03 each, or two for .05
Ph	otographs of local views .		05, .10, .15, .25, .35, .50
	To 1 1 T 1904	40	
1	Peabody Institute.	18	Elm Street and Entrance to Mon-
2	George Peabody's Birthplace.	10	umental Cemetery.
3	V	19	Residence of Lewis Brown, South
	Peabody Institute.	00	Peabody.
4	Town Hall.	20	Crystal or Upham's Pond, West
5	High School.	01	Peabody.
6	Soldiers' Monument and Old	21 22	"Phelp's Mill," West Peabody."
-	"South Church."	22 23	Home for Aged Women.
7 8	Lexington Monument. John Proctor Memorial Tablet.	23 24	Cattle Show. Unitarian Church.
9	Old Proctor House.	24 25	
10	Ship Rock.	26	Burial Place of George Peabody.
10	"Bowditch House."	20	Parson Prescott House, Central Street.
12	Osborn House.	27	Peabody Square in 1902.
13	Apple Tree Lane, Osborn Farm.	28	Peabody Square in 1902.
1.0 [4	Peabody from Buxton's Hill.	29	Wilson Square in 1902.
14. 15	Catholic Church and Parochial	30	Wilson Square in 1902. Wilson Square in 1906.
	Residence.	31	Triangle at Felton's Corner, 1906.
16	Convent. Parochial School and	32	Buxton's Hill in 1905.
.0	Parochial Residence.	33	St.Paul's Episcopal Church, 1906.
7	Chestnut Street and Town House	34	George Peabody, 1869.
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MAY TO THE

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

THE Peabody Historical Society has completed the second year of its existence and is in a healthy condition, resulting from a steady natural growth. It has taken its place among the institutions of the town, and has come to stay. Its influence is beginning to be felt in the community. It is pleasing to note that all the papers read before the Society have had some bearing on local history.

A brief recapitulation of the work for the past year follows: There have been five meetings, four regular quarterly meetings, one of them a field meeting held at King's Grove, and a special meeting April 19th.

At the annual meeting May 5, 1897, the following officers were elected, for the year ending May 4, 1898: President, Warren D. King; Vice Presidents, Francis H. Appleton, B. F. Southwick; Treasurer, Sylvanus L. Newhall; Recording Secretary, Fred W. Bushby; Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth C. Osborn; Directors, Annie T. Gifford, Nathan A. Bushby, Nancy J. Moulton, Richards B. Mackintosh, Adaline A. Little, Daniel H. Felton, Thomas Carroll, Frank E. Farnham, Abraham C. Osborne.

Ten active members have been elected during the year, and one honorary member, making a total membership of 118 active and three honorary members. Since its organization the Society has lost six members by death.

The following papers have been read before the Society:

Proctor's Crossing and Vicinity, The King Family, Old Danvers Fire Department, Old Volunteer Engine Co., Agricultural Societies, Capt. Samuel Flint, Gen. Gideon Foster, John Hancock, By Mr. Daniel H. Felton Mr. Warren D. King Mr. Abraham C. Osborne Mr. Thomas Carroll Gen. Francis H. Appleton Mr. D. Webster King

Hon. B. F. Southwick

Through the influence of the Society, from which a committee was chosen to petition the town to appropriate money to copy the records of Danvers down to the separation of South Danvers (now Peabody) from Danvers, \$500 was appropriated to start the work. At present this town has no records of its own back of the time of its separation.

The erection, by popular subscription from the members of the Society, of a bronze tablet honoring the unknown graves of four Revolutionary soldiers buried in the Old Burying Ground on Main street, fills every Peabodyite's heart with pride, and work along that line should be continued.

It is safe to say that the Society is in a more firmly established condition than it was a year ago. Its collection at the room has grown wonderfully, and judging the future by the past and present, its prospects are very bright. The Room of the Peabody Historical Society has been open upon Monday afternoons throughout the year ending May 4, 1898, from 2 till 5 o'clock. Its care has been entrusted to the ladies of the Executive Committee, who have been assisted by Mrs. Sarah M. Moore, Miss Lucy L. Symonds, Miss Mary A. Osborn, Mr. Sylvanus Newhall and Mr. Chas. C. Hills.

Upon the third Monday afternoon of each month an informal meeting has been held for the study of local history, which has served to incite a greater interest in the work of the Society, and resulted in the addition to its collection of many valuable contributions. Our donations now number four hundred and eighteen, representing forty-five of our members and eighty-three friends of the Society not members.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits the following report for the year ending May 4, 1898:

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Amount on hand May 4, 1897,								\$101.51	
Received Fees for Membership,								11.00	
Dues from Members,								86.00	
Donations from Member	rs, .							12.25	
	•								\$210.76
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Paid Stationery and Postage for	'96, '	97 a	nd	'98,	Se	cre	tary		
and Treasurer, also Print	ing fo	r sa	me,	,			_	\$23.79	
Repairing Show Case, .								.75	
Gas Bills,								.87	
Rent of Hall and Piano, Apr	ril 19,	1897	7,					9.00	
Rent of Selectmen's Room, t	wo m	eeti	ngs.					4.00	
Bank Building, 1 year, to A	pril 1.	'98						60.00	
Expense of August Field Me	eting		•					17.82	
Expense of Meeting, April 1	9. 189	3. in	clud	ding	Re	ent	and		
Piano,	•, =0•				,			12.14	
Amount in hands of Treasurer,			•		•		•		
Amount in names of Heastrer,	•	•		•		•		82.39	A010 F0
									\$ 210.76

S. L. NEWHALL, Treasurer of Peabody Historical Society.

OFFICERS, 1898-99.

President,		WARREN D. KING
Vice Presidents, .		FRANCIS H. APPLETON B. F. SOUTHWICK
Treasurer,		SYLVANUS L. NEWHALL
Recording Secretary,		. FRED W. BUSHBY
Corresponding Secretary,		ELIZABETH C. OSBORN

DIRECTORS.

NATHAN A. BUSHBY,	THOMAS CARROLL,	RICH. B. MACKINTOSH
NANCY J. MOULTON,	DANIEL H. FELTON,	MARY A. OSBORN,
ADALINE A. LITTLE,	ABRAHAM C. OSBORNE,	ROBERT H. GOWING.

MEMBERS OF PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Samuel A. Green, June 16, 1896 Hon. Robt. S. Rantoul, Aug. 5, 1896 Rev. A. P. Putnam, D.D. April 19, 1898

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

*Lydia Mills,
Susan Mills,
*Jonathan King,
Adaline A. Little,
Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn,
Nathan A. Bushby,
Mrs. Annie S. Gifford,
Arthur F. Poole,
Lyman P. Osborn,
Franklin Osborn
Abraham C. Osborne,
Frank E. Farnham,
Mrs. B. N. Moore,
Mrs. John Moulton.

APRIL 21, 1896.

Mrs. H. K. Foster, Elizabeth C. Kimball, Rev. John W. Hudson, Fred W. Bushby, Robert H. Gowing, Mrs. M. O. Stevens, George S. Osborne, M. D., Martha O. Barrett, *Mrs. Sallie O. Batchelder, General Francis H. Appleton, Hon. Alden P. White, Henry H. Proctor. Mrs. Mehitable C. P. Baxter. Sarah J. C. Needham, Mrs. Eliza S. Osborn, Andrew Nichols, Sylvanus L. Newhall, Mrs. Edward W. Chamberlain, Henry Weed, Mrs. Henry Weed, Mrs. J. Benjamin Palmer,

Edward P. Barrett *James Buxton, Mrs. James Buxton, Mary Elizabeth Poole.

MAY 5, 1896.

Daniel H. Felton, *Cleaves K. Hutchinson, Mrs. Cleaves K. Hutchinson, Thomas M. Stimpson, Mrs. Thomas M. Stimpson, Arthur W. Sim, Samuel Crane Lord, Charles C. Hills, Joseph S. Crehore, Mrs. Joseph S. Crehore, B. F. Southwick, Mrs. B. F. Southwick, Mary Hall Poole, Sophia W. Wheeler, Lyman Osborn, Mrs. Lyman Osborn, Benjamin N. Moore, Y John B. Gifford, Mrs. Frank E. Farnham, Henry V. Buxton, Nicolas M. Quint, Charles W. Buxton, Sarah F. Kittredge, Warren D. King, Thomas Carroll, Mary A. Osborn, Theodore M. Osborne, D. Webster King, Mrs. Lydia W. Thacher, Ellen O. Prector, Charles F. Thorndike, Joseph J. Thorndike, J. Henry Osgood, Mrs. J. Henry Osgood, Mary M. Farley, Charles B. Farley, Lucy L. Symonds, Nathaniel Symonds,

* Deceased.

MEMBERS OF PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Continued.

Horace K. Foster, M. D.,
Richards B. Mackintosh,
Estilla S. Newhall,
P. H. O'Conor,
Y Helen A. Harrington,
Y Fannie W. Thomas,
Mrs. John C. Keazer,
Harriet A. Hardy,
*Clarissa P. Jacobs,
John G. Burbeck,
Mrs. John G. Burbeck,
Mrs. Fred W. Bushby,
Martha Wilkins,
Mrs. Sallie B. Osborn.

AUGUST 5, 1896.

Mrs. Sarah P. Joslin, Mrs. George H. Smith.

NOVEMBER 4, 1896.

W. Fred Munroe,
 Mrs. W. Fred Munroe,
 Mrs. Warren D. King,
 Grace F. Batchelder.

FEBRUARY 3, 1897.

Rufus H. Brown,

Y Grace L. Hayes,

Mary Crane,

Alice Marsh Brown,

Mrs. Daniel B. Lord,

Mrs. Richards B. Mackintosh.

APRIL 19, 1897.

Mrs. Rufus H. Brown,
Mrs. Edward A. Blaney,
Helen C. Allen,
Mrs. Lucy A. Davis,
Orlando F. Newhall,
Mrs. Henry W. Proctor,
Mrs. Herbert K. Pevear,
John Moulton.

MAY 5, 1897. Rev. George A. Hall.

AUGUST, 1897.

John S. Sutton.

NOVEMBER 9, 1897.

Mrs. John S. Sutton,

Mrs. George C. Farrington,
S. S. Littlefield,

Mrs. C. H. Tigh,

Mrs. J. Shanahan.

FEBRUARY, 1898. General Francis A. Osborn.

APRIL 19, 1898. Mrs. Eri Littlefield, Mrs. Charles L. Osborn.

MAY 4, 1898. Mrs. William N. Clark, G. Horace Merrill, Mrs. D. P. Grosvenor. _

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(INCORPORATED AUGUST 15TH., 1896.)

OFFICERS, 1898-99, 1899-1900.

DIRECTORS.

NATHAN A. BUSHBY, THOMAS CARROLL, RICH. B. MACKINTOSH, NANCY J. MOULTON, DANIEL H. FELTON, MARY A. OSBORN, ADALINE A. LITTLE, ABRAHAM C. OSBORNE, ROBERT H. GOWING.

MEETINGS, 1898-99.

- MAY 4. Annual meeting.

 Readings by Arthur F. Poole from writings of his father, the late Fitch Poole.
- Aug. 3. Field Meeting at N. W. Felton's, Mt. Pleasant—"Hog Hill."
 "First Felton House," by D. H. Felton.
 "The Study of Local History." Sidney Perley.
- Nov. 16. "Settlement of North-West by Danvers Men," by Rev. A. P. Putnam, D. D.
 Short Addresses by George F. Dow, Hon. Nathan M. Hawkes and Thomas Carroll.
- FEB. 1. "Gleanings from Old Danvers Records." Mrs. L. J. Thomas.
- APR. 19. "Battle of Lexington in America and England." Rev. C. A. Staples of Lexington.
 "How the News Reached England." Hon. Robert S. Rantoul.
 Music by children of public schools. Mrs. S. L. Ferguson, director.

NEW MEMBERS.

August 3rd, 1898. Lucy T. Reed,	Nath. W. Felton. Nov. 16th, 1898.	April 19th, 1899. Eunice D. Folsom.
Harriet Rhoades,	E. Pope Barrett,	Wm. F. Walker,
Hannah Marsh,	Alice E. Trask,	May 2nd, 1899.
Elizabeth P. Wetherill,	Rev. Lewis J. Thomas,	Mary A. Gowing,
(Phila., Penn.)	Annie P. Thomas.	Rev. Oscar F. Safford.
Mary J. Buxton,		

NECROLOGY.

Thomas Morrill Stimpson, b. Jan. 21st, 1827, d. Sept. 30th, 1898. Theodore Moody Osborne, b. Nov. 25th, 1849, d. Feb. 6th, 1899.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits the following report from May 4th, 1898, to May 3rd, 1899:

Amount in hands of Treas., May 4th, 1898, Received for admissions,	•	•		\$ 82.39 15.00
Dues,				115.00
Interest from Warren F. C. S. Bank, .				3.02
Received for Tablet Fund,				32.45
				\$247.86
Paid Rent of Historical Room to Apr. 1st, 1899,				\$40.00
Lighting room,				1.15
Peabody Union, printing,				9.75
Envelopes and stamps for Treasurer,				1.36
Flags for graves of Revolutionary Soldiers,				3.00
Expenses of August Meeting, .				10.13
Expenses of April 19th Meeting, .			• .	11.00
Cabinet and putting it in condition for use,	,			51.44
Tablet and erecting the same,				35.00
Amount on hand,				85.03
·				\$947 QA

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

The room of the Society was closed for repairs from the middle of July till Nov. 16th, at which time the addition of a new cabinet greatly enlarged the capacity of our small quarters.

The gifts as credited in the Accession book now number 766, a gain of 351 during the past year. These include 288 books and pamphlets; 114 articles for cabinet and room, donated by seventy-nine persons, thirty-seven of whom were members of the Society.

A card catalog of the books has been prepared.

The Local History class is gathering through its meetings (which are held irregularly and announced only through *The News*) such papers as the writers feel are not of enough general interest to be presented at the regular meetings, but may give a pleasure today and be of some value to the Society for future reference.

The following papers have been given:

Jan. 4th, 1899. "Columbian Fire Club, 1804," Abraham C. Osborne. Mar. 1st, 1899. "A Charmed Circle."

Apr. 5th, 1899. "Stone's Plain," Andrew Nichols.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(INCORPORATED AUG. 15TH., 1896.)

MEETINGS, 1899-1900.

- MAY 3. Annual Meeting.
 - "Old 'lection Days and May Training." Nathan A. Bushby.
- Aug. 2. Field Meeting at Mr. James T. Flint's, West Peabody.
 - "Witchcraft and Giles Corey." Rev. O. F. Safford.
 - "Land Grants of West Peabody." Wm. P. Upham.
 - "Gardner Farm." F. A. Gardner, M. D.
 - Remarks by Sidney Perley, J. S. Needham.
 - Original poem on Giles Corey. W. S. Lovejoy.
 - Supper served by West Peabody ladies in school house.
- Nov. 1. "The Friends." Miss Sallie H. Hacker of Lynn.
 - "Some old time Quakers and where they lived." Miss Martha Osborne Barrett.
 - Short Addresses by Hon. A. P. White, Hon. Robert S. Rantoul, Hon. Nathan M. Hawkes, Miss Philbrick and others.
- FEB. 7. "A Second Gleaning from Old Danvers Records." Mrs. L. J. Thomas.
- APR. 19. "The Manufacture of Cloth in Early Times." Miss Eliza Philbrick, Salem.
 - Antiquarian Supper.
 - "Historic Cycle Days in New England." Hon. Nathan M. Hawkes of Lynn.
 - Short Addresses. Nathan P. Sanborn, Hon. Robert S. Rantoul.

NEW MEMBERS.

Nov. 1st, 1899. Walter Scott Lovejoy, (Danvers)

Phebe Buxton,
Mary E. Conrey,
Eliza A. Wilson,
Sophia A. Bodge,
Alice H. Berry,
Frank Taylor,
Fannie G. Taylor,
Mary A. Forness,

Feb. 7th, 1900.
Charles H. Goulding,
Catherine A. Goulding,
J. Benj. Palmer,
Mary W. Nichols,
(Danvers)
April 19th, 1900.
Martha B. Pindar,
Charles S. Osgood,
Daniel P. Grosvenor,
Charles O. Warner,

Alice G. Warner,
Herbert K. Pevear,
Calvin Pierce,
Elizabeth C. Goodrich,
Bennett B. Humphrey,
Joseph F. Reed.
May 2nd, 1900.

May 2nd, 1900. Bessie R. Buxton, Alex. B. Clark, Edith R. Porter.

NECROLOGY.

Eleazer Pope Barret, b. Sept. 29th, 1824, d. May 11th, 1899. Nathan Abbott Bushby, b. Aug. 13th, 1832, d. Oct. 23rd, 1899.

The Society has met with an irreparable loss in the death of one of its founders, Nathan A. Bushby. His rare genius for relating local history, tradition and genealogy makes his loss a personal one also to the many members who have received his kindly and valuable assistance in their researches.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society submits the following report for the year ending May 2nd, 1900:

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Balance on hand at last report,	•	\$ 85.03	
Received for admission and dues,		136.00	
Interest on deposit in W. F. C. S. Bank, .		2.94	
Fares from barges, August Meeting, .		9.25	
Net receipts, April 19th banquet, .		31.66	
Special contribution towards payment of re	nt of		
small room,		42.00	
·			\$306.88
Paid Rent of room, 1 year to April 1st, 1900,		\$60.00	
Rent of Banquet room (six times),		22.50	
Window shades,		2.70	
Expressage from Salem,		.15	
Electric light,		3.08	
Peabody Union, printing,		6.65	
Envelopes and stamps for Treasurer,		.93	
August Meeting at West Peabody, Barges, \$11, Hall, \$1, Supper for guest, \$1.75.		13.75	
		\$109.76	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		197.12	
			\$306.88

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

PEABODY, May 2, 1900.

The number of donations to the Society in the Accession Book is now 1036, a gain of 270 gifts during the past year, from seventy persons, twenty-five of whom were members. These include 81 bound volumes, 149 pamphlets, news sheets and manuscripts, 122 coins, 34 pictures and 72 articles for the cabinet and room.

Many papers given before the Society have been kindly presented by the writers, and may be consulted, on application, at the room.

At the Annual Meeting it was voted that the meetings of the Local History Class may be held in the room of the Society, that all members interested in the subject to be given may feel at liberty to attend. Among the papers given during the past year are the following:

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June 6th, 1899	€.	Old Bell Tavern. Mrs. E. C. Osborn.
Sept. 13th, 189	9.	Lawn Party at Mrs. B. N. Moore's.
•		"Bits from Local History." Grace F. Batchelder.
		A Walk through Old Roads and Byways with Mr. Nathan
		A. Bushby.
Oct. 3rd, 1899.	,	"Proctor's Crossing." Mr. D. H. Felton.
Dec. 6th, 1899	•	"Osborn Farm." Mrs. E. C. Osborn.
Jan. 3rd, 1900		"U. S. Bronze Medal of Honor." Mrs. M. O. Stevens.
Mar. 6th, 1900		"Coins, American and Foreign, Ancient and Modern."
•		Mr. Arthur Benfield.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15th, 1896.

OFFICERS, 1900—1901.

President. Vice Presidents,

GEN'L FRANCIS H. APPLETON (Hon. Benj. F. Southwick THOMAS CARROLL

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MEETINGS, 1900–1901.

- MAY 2.
- Annual Meeting. "Revolutionary Privateersmen," by Hon. Sam'l Roads.
- SEPT. 5. Field meeting at Sylvanus L. Newhall's, South Peabody.
 "Grants of Land in the Vicinity, and the History and Traditions
 of the Families which settled upon them," by Sylvanus L. Newhall.
- Nov. 14. "The Early Houses of the Puritans," by the Rev. T. Frank Waters. Mr. Thomas Carroll, Chairman of the Committee on Copying the Town Records of Old Danvers—1752-1855—stated that the book had been completed by Mrs. L. J. Thomas, and might be seen at any time at our Town House.
- FEB. 15. "How to Study Local History," by Sidney Perley.
- APR. 19. In response to an invitation of Committee on History, a joint meeting was held with the Peabody Woman's Club—the President, Mrs. Richard Ward, presiding—with the following program:— Music, Battle Hymn of the Republic, directed by Mrs. S. L. Fer-

guson.

- Addresses, "Historical Anniversaries," by Prof. W. P. Beckwith. "Women of the Revolution," by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.
- "Historic Tablets and Stones," by Gen'l Francis H. Appleton.
- "The Pine Tree Flag," by Miss H. S. Thacher.

Music, "America."

"The North Bridge of Salem," by Hon. Robert S. Rantoul.

NOTE—The following correction in the Fourth Annual Report should be made: Owing to a necessary change of program on date of May 3d, 1899, a paper was pre-sented by Dr. Safford on "The Witchcraft Delusion and its Outcome."

NEW MEMBERS.

Sept. 5th, 1900. Ellen Becket, Samuel Stimpson, Mary H. Reed, Sally R. Wilkinson, Eva D. Raddin, Huldah G. Buxton, William E. Reed, Annie Reed,

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Nov. 14th, 1900. Lilian Tudbury John E. Herrick, Mary F. Herrick, Harriet E. Perkins, Jane Miller, Sallie C. Quint, Feb. 15th, 1901. Sarah B. Spaulding, May 1st, 1901. Amos Merrill,

Eliza W. Clerk, Emma Î. Rice, Anna A. Poor, Sam'l Walter Nourse, Hannah R. Osborn, Hannah E. Poor, Sallie S. P. Washburn, Chelsea.

Sarah P. Hall, Jefferson K. Cole, Peter J. Frye.

NECROLOGY.

Walter Scott Lovejoy, August 31st, 1831; March 8th, 1901.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1901.

Amount in hands of Treasurer at last report, . Received Admissions and Dues, Interest on deposit in Savings Bank, Special contribution for small room,	\$ 189.44 148.00 2.84 3.00 1.00 21.75	
Rebate on bill paid in previous report,	3.63	
100000 02 011 para 12 provious roport,		\$369.66
Paid 1 year's rent to April 1, 1901,	\$150.00	
Electric Light,	3.25	
Expenses of Secretaries and Treasurers—stationery.	0.20	
postals, circulars, labels and ballots, etc.,	18.37	
Letters on tablet at door.	1.20	
Electric supplies,	4.00	
Flags for Revolutionary Soldiers,	2.70	
Rent of chairs.	4.50	
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Amount in hands of treasurer,	_	\$185.64

Amount in hands of treasurer,

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

PEABODY, May 1, 1901.

The Donations to the Society as registered in the Accession Book now number 1,365, an increase during the past year of 329. These have been presented by seventy-two persons, thirty of whom are members of the Society. These gifts include 75 additions to the Cabinet and Room, 225 bound volumes, 121 pamphlets, 2 manuscript books, several autograph letters, 29 broadsheet posters, etc., 10 single newspapers, a file of "the News" for 1898, 9 pictures, maps, etc., and 19 coins and pieces of money.

An increase is desired of those articles which would be necessary for fursishing the loom-room, chamber or kitchen in an ancient house.

nishing the loom-room, chamber or kitchen in an ancient house. Also such bygone implements as were used in the field, the pottery, or tannery.

A special interest has been shown in the Old School collection this past year, resulting in a form and settle and many school books which have been used by the young people of our town from time to time for more than a century. Cannot this collection be completed by the addition of all the well known ancient books of this class?

MEETINGS OF LOCAL HISTORY CLASS.

May	23rd, 1900.	"Geology of our town," Rev. J. W. Hudson,
July	11th, 1900.	"Hannah Cook's School," Miss Martha Osborne Barrett.
Aug.	27th, 1900.	An afternoon at the Bowditch House, and a paper on "Nathaniel Bowditch," Miss Martha O. Barrett.
Oct.	9th, 1900.	A tramp in woods back of Brown's Pond with a visit to Wild Cat Ledge Rocking Stone, Phaeton Rock and Bald Rock, with Mr. Jacob Osborn.
Dec.	5th, 1900.	"Samuel Mackintire, Carpenter and Architect of Salem in 1800," Miss Mary M. Farley.
Jan.	6th, 1901.	"School District No. 6 in the 18th Century," Mr. D. H. Felton.
Mar.	5th, 1901.	"A Danvers Heroine—Rebecca Nurse," Mrs. Sarah

SOME PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST WITHIN THE LIMITS OF PEABODY.

COLONIAL PERIOD.

Site of Giles Corey's House. In the triangle west of the West Peabody Station and north of Pine Street. Giles Corey died Sept. 19th, 1692.

He was the only victim of the Witchcraft delusion who was pressed to death.

Site of John Procter's House. 348 Lowell Street. A victim of the Witchcraft delusion. Hanged, Aug. 19th, 1692.

This house was built by Emanuel Downing and occupied by him 1638–1652. Occupied by Flint family and Roger Preston, 1652–1666.

Site occupied by Proctor family 1666-1890.

South Meeting House. Peabody Square, opposite Railroad Station. Fourth building on site of the first and only church in town from 1711 to 1825. Parsonage 34 Main Street. First minister, Rev. Benj. Prescott, 1712–1756, who built the "Prescott house," so called, 92 Central Street, about 1750.

Prescott burial lot opposite 7 Tremont Street.

Old South Burying Ground. Main Street, next to the Salem line. Burial place of Revolutionary Soldiers and many prominent citizens of the town. Among these are Rev. Nathan Holt, Rev. Samuel Walker, Major Caleb Lowe, Dennison Wallis, Roger Derby, Jones Very.

REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

Lexington Monument. Main Street at junction of Washington Street. Dedicated April 19th, 1835, in memory of the Danvers Soldiers who died in the Battle of Lexington. Opposite monument at 84 and 86 Main Street, is site of the home of "Bethiah Southwick," whose heart outran her creed" when she fed the soldiers of the Revolution.

Site of "Bell Tavern." S. E. corner of Main and Washington Streets. "At the crotch of the Road near Francis Symonds'" (landlord of the Bell Tavern), was the official meeting place of the soldiers of 1775. A watch, also, of 13 men, was stationed here "every night."

"In" "next" and "near the Bell Tavern" was E. Russell's Printing Press, the first in town, 1777-1781.

Gen. Gideon Foster. Leader of the Danvers men in Battle of Lexington. Was born in a house "on S. W. corner of Foster and Lowell."

His "chocolate mill" was "over the brook in Foster street," near Little's mill. He died at 142 Lynnfield Street.

Wallis House. 66 Main Street. Built by Dennison Wallis about 1810.

He was one of those wounded in the Battle of Lexington, and founder of the Wallis School fund.

Bowditch House. 121 Central Street. Nathaniel Bowditch, the "Navigator," came here to live in 1775 and spent several years of his life, receiving from the Misses Osborne, in a house opposite, his first schooling.

Born Mar. 26, 1773-Died Mar. 16, 1838.

Benedict Arnold. Route of Benedict Arnold's army through this town Sept. 13th and 14th, 1775, was along the old "Ipswich Road," now Lynn, County, Summit, Lowell, Prospect and Sylvan Streets.

NINETEENTH CENTURY.

George Peabody's Birthplace. 205 Washington Street. Born here Feb. 18th, 1795. Died in London, Nov. 4, 1869.

Site of Sylvester Procter's Drug Store. 33 Main Street. Where George Peabody first worked as a boy.

Peabody Institute. Main Street. Gift of George Peabody, June 16, 1852. Opened to public, Oct., 1854.

Sutton Library, founded by Mrs. Eliza Sutton, Oct. 15, 1866.

Rufus Choate. 65 Main Street. Rufus Choate first went to housekeeping here. At 37 Main Street was his First Law Office.

Soldiers' Monument. Peabody Square. Dedicated 1881 in memory of our soldiers who were killed in the war of the Rebellion.

"The Green in front of the Old South Meeting House" has been the meeting place of various military organizations of this town.

Gen. Grenville M. Dodge. 34 Main Street. Gen'l Dodge lived here about 1850.

Room of Peabody Historical Society. Warren Bank Building. Peabody Square. Open every Monday afternoon from 2.30 to 5 o'clock.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15th, 1896.

OFFICERS, 1901—1902.

President, . GEN'L FRANCIS H. APPLETON

Vice Presidents, . (Hon. Benj. F. Southwick

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MEETINGS, 1901—1902.

- MAY 1. Annual Meeting.
 Reading of Annual Reports; Election of Officers.
 Paper on "Schools." Miss Mary W. Nichols of Danvers.
- MAY 8. Meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall.
 Address on "Evacuation of Boston," illustrated. Gen'l Francis
 H. Appleton.
- Aug. 14. Field Meeting at Proctor's Corner.

 Roome and Wilkins houses open for inspection. Walks to old mill and other objects of interest in neighborhood. Addresses: Welcome by President. "History of the Belief in Witchcraft and its Development in New England," Hon. J. P. Baxter of Portland, Me., President of N. E. Hist. and Geneal. Society. "Recently Discovered Reports of Trials of Accused Persons," Wm. P. Upham. Brief remarks by Hon. Geo. Von L. Meyer, U. S. ambassador to Italy; Hon. Robert S. Rantoul of Salem, who also exhibited the original parchment deed of the farm given in 1700 by Charles Downing to Thorndick Procter; Capt. A. P. Gardner of Hamilton; Ex-Mayor Peter M. Neal of Lynn, 92 years of age; Rev. O. F. Safford; Mrs. Sarah Joslin, a descendant of John Proctor in the seventh generation, spoke of her noted ancestor and at the close of her remarks presented to the Peabody Historical Society, in behalf of the children of Abel Proctor, a check to be used to erect a suitable memorial tablet to the memory of John Proctor.
- Nov. 6. "Geology of Peabody." John H. Sears, Peabody Academy of Science, Salem.
- DEC. 4. Discussion, "Where were the Witches Hanged?" Sidney Perley, Rev. O. F. Safford, W. S. Nevins.

- Jan. 1. "Some Events in the Making of the Nation." Rev. L. J. Thomas, Peabody.
- FEB. 5. "History of a Great Colonizing Family." Rev. A. P. Putnam, Salem.
- Apr. 2. "Some Old Gardens of Boston," illustrated. Gen'l Francis H. Appleton, Peabody.
- Apr. 19. Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers marked by Peabody Cadets, with appropriate services, under the auspices of the Peabody Historical Society. The Society's rooms were open for the reception of visitors during the day.

NEW MEMBERS.

Aug. 14th, 1901. William Armstrong, Sarah O. Poole, Somerville, Nov. 8th, 1901. Joseph G. Porter, Eliz. A. King, Lynnfield, Emily H. Campbell, Lynnfield, May, 1902. Capt. Wm. F. Wiley. Fannie Brown,
Andover,
Addie B. Forrest,
Florence Torr,
Samuel Osborne Upton.

NECROLOGY.

George Sterne Osborne, b. Dec. 12th, 1838; d. May 25th, 1901. Abraham Clark Osborne, b. Oct. 12th, 1821; d. Dec. 14th. 1901. Ellen Osborne Proctor, b. June 18, 1848; d. Jan. 17th, 1902.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits the following report, ending May, 1902.

Balance on hand at last report, Received for Admissions and Dues, Interest from Savings Bank, Contributions, Social gathering in Oct., Barge fares (Proctor gathering Electric lighting for room,		•		·			\$185.64 166.00 8.50 34.25 6.00 8.00 .25	\$408.64
Paid rent of Rooms, 1 year to April 1, Use of Holten Lodge hall, Electric Lighting, Expenses of Proctor day, Expenses of Secretary and Treasureports, stationery and posts			or ci	· rcu	lare	•	\$150.00 9.00 3.26 27.95 23.30	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	•		•		•		\$213.51 195.13	\$408.64
The Treasurer of the Historical Society	y ha	s i	n hi	s h	and	s the	following	g funds:
Balance of the General Funds of the S Proctor Memorial Fund,	ocie	ty.	•		•		\$195.13 100.00 60.10	

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

\$355.23

PEABODY, May, 1902.

The Donations to the Society as registered in the Accession Book now number 1722, a gain of 357 since last year. These have been presented by 69 persons, 83 of whom are members of the Society.

The library today contains 639 bound volumes and nearly 600 pamphlets. During the past year there has been a large increase of visitors, 487 of whom have left their names in our register.

LEXINGTON MONUMENT MEMORANDUM.

In connection with the annual recognition by the Society of the Battle of Lexington, the following memorandum may be of interest to our members. This was written in 1835-6 by Dr. George Osborne as Secretary of Lexington Monument Committee, and presented to the Society in a manuscript book, in 1900, by his son, Dr. George S. Osborne.

"ARTICLES inclosed in a zinc box and deposited within the monument at the laying of the corner stone by General Gideon Foster, who was the captain of the company of minute men from Danvers on the memorable 19th of April, 1775:—

Copy of the Salem Gazette of April 17, 1835, printed on cotton fabrick. Donation of the Editors, Messrs. Foote and Chisholm.

Copy of the Salem Mercury, April 15, on paper, by same.

Do. of the Salem Observer of April 18th, 1835, on cotton fabrick. Donation of Editors, Messrs. W. & S. B. Ives.

Do. of same of same date printed on paper. By same.

Do. of the Salem Commercial Advertizer & Essex County Journal of April 15th, on beautiful pink coloured satin. Donation of Editors, Messrs. E. Palfrey & Cook.

Do. of Do. on paper Nov. 19th, 1834. By the same.

Do. of the Essex Register. Donation of the Editors, Messrs. W. Palfrey & Chapman.

New York Prices Current. Donated by Col. Caleb Lowe.

Order of Exercises at the Old South Meeting House in Danvers, April 20th, 1835, 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, printed on parchment.

List of the Officers of the Female Benevolent Society, on parchment.

Copy of the Dinner Tickets, April, 1835, printed on parchment.

Memorandum of the name of John Upton, first projector of the Monument, on parchment.

Company Roll of the Danvers Light Infantry Company on parchment. Donated by the Clerk, J. G. Phelps.

A Sketch of the Old South Meeting House on parchment, "as it appeared in 1711, the time of its erection, in 1775 and 1835." Donation of Fitch Poole, Jr.

List of the Revolutionary Patriots of Danvers, Salem and vicinity invited to the celebration, on parchment.

Lithographic Portrait of Gen'l Gideon Foster of the present day.

Sketches of persons in the fashionable costume of the day—Costumes of 1775.

List of the names of the minute men commanded by Captain G. Foster of Danvers at the Battle of Lexington.

Sixty dollar bill of the Continental Congress Sept. 26th, 1778. Donation of Nathan Lakeman.

Views of various public and private buildings of the town, on parchment. Donation of Nathan Lakeman.

Constitution of U. States on sheet.

An Inscription, on Parchment, containing a list of the Subscribers' names and names of the Superintending Committee, Committee of Arrangements, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Marshall of the Day and the following Caption:

THIS MONUMENT

Erected Anno Domine MDCCCXXXV by the Voluntary Contributions of Citizens of Danvers in Commemoration of the Battle of Lexington Apl. 19th, 1775, and in memory of Samuel Cook, Jr., George Southwick, Jr., Benjamin Daland, Henry Jacobs, Jr., Jotham Webb, Perley Putnam and Ebenezer Goldthwaite, Inhabitants of this town who fell on that day.

ANDREW JACKSON

President of the U. States of America

SAMUEL T. ARMSTRONG

Lieut. Gov. and Acting Governor of Massachusetts .

(Sheathed in a glass tube, hermetically sealed.)

A brief and neat history of the town of Danvers, on parchment, containing a sketch of characters and things of the present day, written and presented by the author, Nathan Lakeman, Esq.

·(Sheathed in a glass tube, hermetically sealed.)

Annual Report of the Town.

American Almanac of 1834. Donation of Capt. Wm. Sutton.

A copper box for coins. Donation of J. B. Loring.

Variety of Gold, Silver and Copper coins of the U. States from various persons.

One half of a Cannon Ball that was fired through Monotomy Meeting House (West Cambridge) on the retreat of the enemy the 19th of April, 1775, picked up by Mr. Andrew Blanchard of Medford. Donation of B. Blanchard of Salem.

Copy of the Declaration of Independence of the U. States America, 4th July, 1776, with fac-simile of the signatures. Donation of W. & S. B. Ives.

On the 18th of October, 1836, the erection of the monument was completed. at which time the box containing the memorials being removed from the corner stone was placed in an excavation in the base of the obelisk for better preservation with some additional memorials of a date subsequent to the laying of the corner stone, among which were, viz.:

THIS CERTIFIES

In October, 1836, the time of erecting the super-structure of this monument in commemoration of the Battle of Lexington, April 19th, 1775, the box containing the memorials, which was deposited in the corner stone at the time of laying it, Apr. 20, 1835, was removed and placed in the base of the obelisk for better preservation, at which time several articles were added to the original deposits. GEORGE OSBORNE, Secretary.

N. B. General Gideon Foster who commanded a company of "minute men" from Danvers at and on the day of the battle is still alive and nearly 86 years of age, being the only survivor of that truly patriotic band.

Major Sylvester Osborne of Danvers is now the only survivor in Danvers

of a company of militia men that were present on the day of battle.
On the "History of Danvers," one of the deposits written by N. Lakeman, it was recorded in addition that its author, Nathan Lakeman, died on the 21st of October, 1835, previous to seeing this object of his wishes completed, much lamented by a large circle of acquaintances; that he was also an active member in projecting and forwarding the work.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15th, 1806.

OFFICERS, 1902—1903.

President. GEN'L FRANCIS H. APPLETON THOMAS CARROLL Vice Presidents, SARAH J. C. NEEDHAM Treasurer, SYLVANUS L. NEWHALL Assistant Treasurer, HELEN C. ALLEN Recording Secretary, . MARY A. FORNESS Corresponding Secretary MRS. L. J. THOMAS Curator. MARY A. OSBORN Librarian, MRS. LYMAN P. OSBORN Chairman Hospitality Com., Mrs. D. P. Grosvenor

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RICHARDS B. MACKINTOSH,	MBS. JOHN MOULTON,	MARY M. FARLEY,
ROBERT H. GOWING,	HELEN C. ALLEN,	REV. O. F. SAFFORD.

REGULAR MEETINGS, 1902—1903.

1902.

- MAY 7. Annual Meeting. Reading of annual reports. Election of officers.

 Address by Rev. O. F. Safford on "The Poet Whittier." Informal reception by President and Vice Presidents of the Society and the President of the Woman's Club. Music and light refreshments.
- Nov. 5. Paper on "The Floating Bridge," by C. J. H. Woodbury of Lynn.
- DEC. 3. Address on "Birds of Peabody," by Richards B. Mackintosh of this Society. A fine collection of bird skins loaned by Mr. Davis of Newton added much to the interest of the evening.
- JAN. 7. Illustrated lecture on "Some Old Houses and Places of Interest in Lynn," by Howard Mudge Newhall of Lynn.
- FEB. 4. Paper on the "Agawam River." An imaginary cance trip down the river from source to mouth, by George Francis Dow of the Essex Institute, Salem. Followed by personal reminiscences of that river by members of the Society.
- MAR. 4. Paper on "Samuel Holten of Danvers," by William B. Sullivan, Esq., of Danvers.
- Apr. 1. Address, "The Story of the Coal," by Rev. Lewis J. Thomas of this Society.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

June 16, 1902. The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Peabody Institute by George Peabody, was observed by placing a bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, at his birthplace, 205 Washington street. The exercises took place at 8.30 in the morning, and were quite simple, consisting of the unveiling of the tablet by four little girls, Misses Eleanor and Hilda Butman, Dorothy Campbell and Elizabeth O. Palmer; and short addresses by Pres. Appleton, Rev. George A. Hall and Mr. J. H. Morse of Texas, a student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a grateful beneficiary of the Peabody Educational Fund in the Southern States. Letters were read from Gov. Crane and from G. A. Peabody, president of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute at Danvers. Mr. Thomas Carroll, who had charge of this memorial celebration, has issued a neat pamphlet giving a full account of the same.

Early in the year it had been voted to prepare a "Century Chest," in which various articles, similar to those usually deposited under the corner stone of a new public building, should be enclosed, and presented "From present to future generations," to be opened on (or after) 16 June, 2002," the 150th anniversary of the founding of our library. The committee having the matter in charge collected with great pains a large number of photographs, letters, manuscripts of different kinds, newspapers and other articles designed to give those who shall open the chest an idea of life in our own town as it is today. The "Chest" was a copper box about 10x9x13 inches, placed within a small iron safe. On October 7th, at 3 o'clock P. M., a meeting was held for the purpose of soldering the box and finally closing the chest, which was later placed in the vault at the Peabody Institute.

October 3, 1902. A memorial tablet to the memory of John Proctor was unveiled with appropriate exercises in the early afternoon. This bronze tablet is bolted to a rough boulder set in the triangle of land at the junction of Summit and Lowell streets, near the site of John Proctor's home, and bears the following inscription:—

JOHN PROCTOR.

THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED MEAR HIS HOME BY DESCENDANTS TO PERPETUATE HIS MEMORY HE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, 1832, AND SUFFERED DEATH BY ORDER OF COURT IN SALEM, 19 AUGUST 1692, DURING THE WITCHCRAFT DELUSION A MARTIR TO THE TRUTH.

> Placed by the Peabody Historical Society 19 August 1902

In the absence of President Appleton, Vice President Carroll presided at this meeting and made a brief opening address. The other speakers were Mr. Henry H. Proctor of Boston, Mrs. Sarah Proctor Joslin of Boston, Mr. Percival Proctor Baxter of Portland, Me.—all descendants of John Proctor,—Rev. A. P. Putnam, D. D., of Danvers, Rev. Charles B. Rice, former pastor of the First Parish Church, Danvers, Rev. O. F. Safford of Peabody, and Mr. Wm. P. Upham of Newtonville. Letters of regret were read from Messrs. James P. Baxter of Portland, Me., and Hon. Robert S. Rantoul of Salem. After the exercises the company adjourned to the rooms of the Society, where an informal reception was held and light refreshments served.

April 19th, 1903, was observed as usual by this Society by the marking of graves of Revolutionary soldiers.

April 20th, 1903, the rooms of the Society were kept open during the afternoon, and in the evening a meeting was held at which Hon. Robert S. Rantoul gave a talk on "Personal Reminiscences of Great Men," which was much appreciated by all present. After the address an informal social hour was enjoyed and light refreshments served.

During the year the Society has been invited to attend meetings of neighboring Societies, and has been represented by some of its members on the following enjoyable and profitable occasions.

Sept. 4, 1902. Field meeting of Old Planters' Society, at Gloucester. Sept. 11, 1902. 25th anniversary of the formation of the Historical Society of Old Newbury, at Newburyport.

March 16, 1903. Social tea at the rooms of the Lynn Historical Society. April 2, 1903. Lecture on "John Proctor," by Mrs. Sarah Proctor Joslin of Boston, before the North Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, at Academy Hall, Salem.

April 14, 1903. Lecture by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston, on "Village Improvement Societies," before the Peabody Woman's Club, in Odd Fellows' Hall.

April 7, 1903. Meeting of the "Old Planters' Society" at Ames Memorial Hall, Salem.

REPORT OF CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN.

Present number of gifts in accession book, 1,897. Gifts during past year have numbered 213; from twenty-two members and thirty-four non-members. These include 83 articles for Cabinet and Room, 4 pictures, 16 photos, 4 maps and a framed sampler, 43 bound volumes, 22 pamphlets, 22 leaflets, 7 newspapers, 10 manuscripts and one deed.

20 lists of Private Burial Ground inscriptions have been made and presented by the following persons: Miss Farley, King burial ground and tombs; Mr. Felton, Felton and Wilson grounds; Miss M. F. Herrick, Brown, Flint, Russell and Twiss grounds; D. Webster King, D. P. King tomb; Miss Hannah Marsh, Marsh cemetery; Sylvanus L. Newhall, Bryant, Douty, Needham, Newhall and Very grounds and Marsh tomb; Mrs. L. P. Osborn, Old burial ground, Main street and Quaker burial ground; Mrs. Louise E. Reuter, Pope ground; Mrs. Geo. E. Spaulding, Russell ground.

NEW MEMBERS.

Nov. 5, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cahill, Peabody, Miss Eliza W. Preston, Danvers, Mrs. Joseph J. Thorndike, Peabody, Mr. Joseph Trask, Peabody.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Eri Littlefield,	born	Nov.	13, 1832	died	l Mar.	20, 1903
Mrs. Sarah Wheeler Osborn,	66	Aug.	22, 1833;	"	Dec.	15, 1902
Mrs. Alice W. Osgood,			14, 1896;			
Mr. William F. Walker,	"	July	7, 1828	"	Mar.	16, 1903

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits the following report from May 7, 1902, to May 6, 1903.

Amount	n nana may 7, 1902,	•	•			•		\$190.13	
Received	Admissions and Dues,						•	147.00	
Iı	nterest from Savings Ba	nk,	•					3.62	
S	ale of Photographs,							.50	
G	ifts from Members,							19.74	
F	rom Hospitality Com.,	balan	ce fro	m 1	9th	Apr	il		
	meeting, .					-		3.00	
F	rom a "Social" under	the a	uspice	s of	the	Ho	3-		
	pitality Committee	э,	-					11.00	
В	alance from Proctor Me	moria	l Fun	d,				.71	
				•					\$380.70

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Paid one year's rent to April, 190 Two dozen Chairs, Mrs. Brooks, May meeting, 1 Electric Light, Mr. King, Repairs on Electric Petition to Court, Flags for Revolutionary Sold Genealogy Blanks, Printed Ballots, Envelopes, Postage, Printing Treasurer, Transferred to Peabody Table Balance in hands of Treasurer	902, iers' G , etc.,	for Se	ecret			\$150.00 13.20 10.00 1.34 .70 3.00 4.00 1.50 18.79 8.85 157.32	\$380.70
PEABODY	MEM	ORIA	L FL	IND.			
Contributions received, From Century Chest Fund, From Peabody Historical Society		•	•	•		\$55.40 9.57 8.85	\$ 73 82
Paid C. H. French, Bronze Tables J. C. Linehan, Granite Shaft, E. S. Giles, Photos of house a 250 Memorial Pamphlets, .	nd tab	let,	•	•	•	\$19.50 15.00 6.32 83.00	\$73.82
CENTUR	Y CH	EST	FUN	D.			
Contributions received, .			•		•		\$60.60
Paid for Century Chest, Brass Plate for same, Copper Box for same, Printing Photos, Ink, Paper, Envelopes, etc., One Dozen Photos of Chest, C. C. Hills, per bill, Transferred to Peabody Mem	. •	· ·	•	· ·		\$11.00 4.00 3.40 18.13 7.40 6.00 1.10 9.57	\$60.60
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OF THE

PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15TH, 1896.

OFFICERS, 1904—1905.

President,	FRANCIS H. APPLETON
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DELEGATE TO THE BAY STATE LEAGUE.

REV. O. F. SAFFORD, D. D.

REGULAR MEETINGS, 1904-1905.

1904.

- MAY 4. Annual Meeting. Reading of annual reports, election of officers and transaction of business.
- Nov. 17. A joint meeting of the Peabody Historical Society with Bethia Southwick Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, was held at the rooms of the Historical Society. The speaker of the evening was Rev. George M. Bodge of Westwood, on "The Narragansett Fort Fight, Dec. 19, 1675." Members of the Old Salem Chapter, Sons of the Revolution, and North Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, were present. After the address there was an informal reception and light refreshments were served. This was a most enjoyable occasion.
- FEB. 15. A most interesting lecture was given by Mr. James Duncan Phillips on "Old Salem Ships and Ship Masters."

APR. 19. This anniversary was suitably observed by an address by Dr. A.P. Putnam, President of the Danvers Historical Society, Mr. J. K. Cole, Master of the Centre School, and Rev. Geo. A. Hall of the South Church. Longfellow's "Paul Revere's Ride" was read by Miss Winifred Doyle and Edward Everett Hale's "New England's Chevy Chase" by Miss Ruth Penniman. After the literary exercises an informal reception was held and light refreshments served.

NEW MEMBERS.

Feb. 15, 1905.

Mrs. Jacob C. Rogers, Rev. G. W. Penniman, Mr. Thomas J. Relihan, Mr. William F. Bushby, Mr. Daniel F. Bresnahan, Mrs. Ira F. Pray, Mr. W. W. Woodman, Mr. Charles E. Stone, Mr. S. E. Cassino, Mr. Arthur Elliot,

Mr. Milburn P. Ward.

NECROLOGY.

Joseph Henry Osgood, Elizabeth Cook Kimball, Charles Osborn Warner, Samuel B. Stimpson,

Sept. 12, 1839—May 18, 1904 June 18, 1840—May 18, 1904 Sept. 26, 1861—Sept. 8, 1904 Aug. 5, 1830—Dec. 27, 1904

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits his annual report for year ending May 3, 1905.

Balance from last report, \$129.95	
Received Admission from new members, 7.00	
Dues paid,	
Interest from Savings Bank, 3.52	
Gift 1.00	
Sale of Post Cards,	
Sale of Upham's Proctor's Memorial, . 2.25	
Check from Town for 19th April, 5.00	
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Paid rent to April 1, 1905,	
Electric Light, 5.59	
Expressage, M. &. A.,	
Expressage, Reid, 3.00	
Expressage, McGoldrick, 1.00	
Hospitality Committee for Socials, February and	
April meetings 4.63	
Post Cards	
Thorp, Martin & Co. for lettering, 1.50	
Flags for graves of Revolutionary Soldiers, 1.32	
Printing Annual Report, 4.00	
Printing Circulars, 2.50	
Printing for Vital Statistics, 2.55	
Paper, Envelopes, Cards, etc., for Secretaries and Treasurer, 16.09	
Balance in hand of Treasurer, 103.54	
\$327	.07

S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

The committee on Vital Statistics has now completed the copying of burial ground inscriptions and 88 Bibles, samplars, diaries, account books and every other original record which can be found. The work will continue until all such matter be exhausted.

We are especially indebted to Mrs. J. W. Hudson for a copy of the Unitarian Church Records and to Mr. William P. Upham for a copy of "Friends' Records," the original of which cannot be found.

Other gifts along this line of local interest are two pamphlets, "The House of John Proctor," by William P. Upham, and "Capt. William Trask and some of his Descendants" by Mr. William B. Trask.

Genealogies of the Winchester and Upton families presented by Miss Mary M. Farley.

Genealogy of the Stimpson Family in the Stimpson collection.

The following pamphlets are for sale by the Society, the rooms being open to the public every Monday afternoon:—

"The Home of John Proctor"	, p2	· W	illi	am	P. 1	Uph	am,			.25
"Dedication of Memorial Table	t at	Bir	thp	lace	of	Geo	rge	Peaboo	dy,"	.25
A folded sheet containing a list	t of	som	e p	olace	98 O	f Hi	stor	ic Inte	rest ir	1
our town,										.05
Postal Cards with local views							.03	each,	or two	for .05
Photographs of local views,								.10, .14	5, .25,	.35, .50

for which we are indebted to: Mrs. J. W. Hudson, Mrs. John Shanahan, Mr. Fred W. Hagar, Mr. Williams, Mr. George F. Low, Mr. Francis Whitten, Jr., Mr. George H. Jacobs, Mr. Irving M. Forrest, Mrs. L. P. Osborn, Sutton Home for Aged Women and South Congregational Church, the work of our local photographers being given the preference when possible.

We are indebted to Miss Raymond for the sale of about 1000 Post Cards during this past winter. Provided sufficient advance orders are received, the Society proposes to issue during the coming year, the tenth of its existence, an Illustrated Souvenir of the town.

POSTALS.

- 1. Peabody Institute.
- 2. George Peabody's Birthplace.
- 3. Queen Victoria's Picture in Peabody Institute.
- 4. Town Hall.
- 5. High School.
- 6. Soldier's Monument and "Old South Church."
- 7. Lexington Monument.
- 8. John Proctor Memorial.
- 9. Old Proctor House.

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- 10. Ship Rock.
- 11. "Bowditch House."
- 12. Osborn House.
- 13. Apple Tree Lane, Osborn Farm.
- 14. Peabody from Buxton's Hill.
- 15. Catholic Church and Parochial Residence.
- 16. Convent, Parochial School and Parochial Residence.
- 17. Chestnut Street and Town House.
- 18. Elm Street and Entrance to Monumental Cemetery.
- 19. Residence of Lewis Brown and Lynnfield Street, South Peabody.
- 20. Silver Lake, West Peabody.
- 21. Phelps' Mills, West Peabody.
- 22. Home for Aged Women.

The Committee on Vital Statistics have now a completed copy of every Gravestone Inscription in town. When published these names will be arranged alphabetically, together with all such records of old Danvers previous to 1850. They will, however, be kept intact in the room of the Historical Society, and may be examined at any time.

The names of members of the Committee who have aided in this work are as follows: Miss Sarah J. C. Needham, Miss Hannah Marsh, Mr. Sylvanus L. Newhall, Mr. D. H. Felton, Miss May F. Herrick, Miss Mary M. Farley, Miss Mary A. Osborn, Mrs. Sarah B. Spaulding, Miss Grace Torr, Mr. D. Webster King, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Osborn.

Much information has been and will be gratefully received concerning abandoned burial places and removals.

The following is a list of burial places in which the inscriptions have been copied, or about which some information has been obtained:—

Brown Burial Lot, Winona Street, West Peabody.

Bryant Burial Lot, Lynnfield Street, South Peabody.

Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lynn Street, South Peabody.

Felton Burial Lot, Prospect Street, Peabody.

Old Felton Burial Place, off Andover Street, Peabody.

Elm Street Burial Place, Peabody.

Emerson Burying Ground, Lynn Street, Corner of Allen's Lane.

Flint Burial Place, Newbury Street, West Peabody.

Flint, old burial places in fields rear of homes of Mr. Charles Williams and Mr. B. P. Danforth, West Peabody.

Gibbs Lot, off Newbury Street, West Peabody.

Jacobs Lot, off Lowell Street, Peabody.

Jacobs Lot, off Gardner Street, Peabody, on North Street.

King Cemetery and Tombs, Lowell Street, Peabody.

Amos King Lot, Summit Street, Peabody.

Larrabee Lot, off Lowell Street, West Peabody.

Marsh Burial Place, on Jacobs, Colcord, Wyman Farm, off Lowell Street, West Peabody.

Marsh Tomb, off Summit Street, South Peabody.

Marsh Burial Place, off Lowell Street, rear of Mr. White's.

Monumental Cemetery, Wallis Street, Peabody.

Moulton Lot, Newbury Street, West Peabody.

Proctor Lot and Tomb, Lowell Street, Peabody.

Proctor Burial Place, (removed) off Lowell Street, Peabody.

Proctor Lot, (removed) Newbury Street, West Peabody.

Raddin Lot, Lynnfield Street, South Peabody.

Taylor Lot, West Street, Corner Lake Street, West Peabody.

Twiss Lot, West Peabody.

Col. David Upton Lot, Birch Street, West Peabody.

Eli Upton Lot, off Birch Street, West Peabody.

Upton Lot, Birch Street, Corner of Lowell Street, West Peabody.

Wilson Lot, off Andover Street, Peabody.

Wilson Lot, off Andover Street, Peabody.

Very Lot and Tomb, Lynn Street, South Peabody.

Danvers Martyrs.

APRIL 19, 1775.

[The following poem was read by the writer at the close of his address at the recent commemoration of the Battle of Lexington by the Peabody Historical Society. Some of the facts, then more fully related, may be briefly recorded here. Eight companies from all parts of old Danvers (now Danvers and Peabody), marched for the fight, April 19, 1775. One third of their 300 men, in advance of the rest and running half the way, reached West Cambridge (Arlington), sixteen miles distant, in four hours. There they met the retreating foe, and in the fierce ensuing conflict, seven of our heroes were killed:—Samuel Cook, Benjamin Daland, George Southwick, Jotham Webb, Henry Jacobs, Eben Goldthwaite and Perley Putnam, all of whose names are inscribed on the monument in Peabody, erected to their memory in 1835.

As stated by Eben Putnam, genealogist, Amos Putnam of Danvers, son of Amos and a youth of nineteen, was also eager in the race, but became exhausted, and fell and died on the way. His father afterward joined the Danvers settlers of New Salem, Mass., and there died previous to 1797. Mrs. Putnam, who was Lydia Trask, native of the old "Middle Precinct" (Peabody), soon followed again the pioneers who had now removed to the wilds of Maine, where they had founded the present flourishing town of Houlton. There she lived until her death in 1820, at the age of 87, greatly revered for her noble character and her very benevolent and useful life.]

Eternal pæans to the braves, Who, on the Nation's natal day, When tyrants strove to make them slaves, Chose early death with honored graves, Nor recked the cost, nor feared the fray.

And still old Danvers likes to tell The story of her "sacred seven," Who, waked by Freedom's morning bell, Quick sought the far-off foe, and fell In glorious strife, and rose to heaven.

O heroes, young and fair and strong, So swift to serve the cause divine! As rolling years your fame prolong, To you we swell our grateful song; For us, how brighter still ye shine! One martyr more completes the band; No monument records the deed; Yet, though his name was writ in sand, He, too, aflame for fatherland, Rushed to his fate with lightning speed.

No hostile ranks, in proud array, With clash of steel or fire of gun, Were there his eager haste to stay, Where, spent and breathless on his way, He sank and died, but victory won.

Dear angel guards, who gave your lives And all things else to make us free; If, in our souls base wrong survives, And love of power or party strives To quench our zeal for Liberty;

If sordid, lawless gains we deem
A vaster good than truth and right;
If Self, our idol, reigns supreme,
Accounts the Golden Rule a dream,
And mocks the Prince of Peace and Light:—

Then warn us not to praise you more, Nor strew with flowers your hallowed dust; But, like the patriot sires of yore, Pure offerings for our country pour, And not forget that God is just.

A. P. PUTNAM.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED AUGUST 15TH, 1896.

OFFICERS, 1905—1906.

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REV. O. F. SAFFORD, D. D.

REGULAR MEETINGS, 1905-1906.

1905.

- May 3. Annual Meeting. Reading of annual reports, election of officers and transaction of business.

 At this meeting, Mr. William P. Upham was elected an honorary member.
- Aug. 26. A Field meeting was held at the home of Mr. Walter B. Osborn, at the "Osborn Farm," 42 Andoverstreet. The President, Francis Henry Appleton, presided and with well chosen words welcomed a large number of members and guests. An historical sketch of "the Farm" was given by Mrs. L. P. Osborn, including quotations from the Records, from the Diary of Eliza Southgate, 1802, and from descriptive poems of Dr. Andrew Nichols, 1852, and of Mr. Walter Scott Lovejoy. This was followed by the story in verse of a young girl-wife and one time neighbor across the way, Sally Dealand; entitled, "An old New England Bride, an Incident,"

composed and read most gracefully by her descendant Mrs. W. A. Lloyd, of Chicago. Hon. Robert H. Rantoul then added his always welcome words, referring to a description of the Farm in Dr. Bentley's Diary in 1791 and suggesting what a bit of beauty might become the standpipe on Buxton's Hill were vines planted and grown about it. After the serving of refreshments by Mrs. H. Maria Palmer and her hospitality committee, the company adjourned to Buxton's Hill where the Rev. John W. Hudson gave a most instructive and interesting talk on the geology of that region. As this was the last opportunity to visit the hill before its destruction, much interest was manifested.

- Nov. 13. Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn gave a "Report of the Conference of the American Library Association at Portland, Oregon, and the Post Conference Trip to Alaska" illustrated with souvenirs.
- Dec. 13. Rev. Alfred P. Putnam, D. D., gave the Society a paper on "Putnamville and the Early Shoe Manufacturers of Danvers." As Dr. Putnam came from this part of Danvers and his ancestors were among these first manufacturers, he was able to give us a most instructive and entertaining paper. As this was the last time we were to see Dr. Putnam it will always be a great subject of congratulation that the Society was permitted to hear him on that

1906.

- Jan. 10. Mr. John Albree of Swampscott gave his paper on "How Time Was Kept in the Days when we Lived under a King." Mr. Albree brought with him several old watches and an ancient clock, without case, which had been in his family over 200 years. He explained how time was kept in ancient days and surprised us by the information of the comparatively modern introduction of watches and clocks into common use. The lecture was most brilliant and much appreciated by the audience.
- Feb. 21. Mr. Ezra D. Hines of Danvers gave an illustrated lecture on "A Vacation Trip in the British Isles with special reference to George Peabody, Old Danvers and George Downing." This lecture was held in the Masonic banquet hall and was much enjoyed by a large audience. Light refreshments were afterwards served in the rooms of the Society, adjoining.

At this meeting, in response to inquiries by friends and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was voted by the Society that any members who wished to save themselves the trouble of paying annual dues might become Life Members on payment of \$25.00.

- Mar. 15. Miss Mary Elizabeth Poole, one of the members of the Society, gave a very interesting and instructive paper on "Social Needs and Society Action." Miss Poole being at present engaged in the study of Social Service was able to speak largely from her own experience, giving also the history of the best known movements towards the betterment of social conditions among the poor.
- April 19. This Day was observed appropriately by the Society. The graves of the Revolutionary Soldiers were decorated with flags, and the annual gift of the town of \$5.00, with myrtle donated by the South Church, ensured a fine decoration of the Lexington Monument. The presentation of a drama by members and friends of the Society was unavoidably postponed one week, when, April 26th there was given in the Unitarian hall one of the best amateur performances ever seen in this town, no pains having been



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spared to make it a complete success. Following are the names of those to whom we are indebted—Mrs. J. J. Thorndike, Mrs. F. W. Bushby, Miss Bessie Tigh, Fred W. Bushby, Horace P. Farnham and Roger C. Merrill.

The Society has lost by removal from town two of its most valued members, Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Thomas. The services of the latter as corresponding secretary were greatly appreciated by the Society and appropriate resolutions were passed when she went away, followed by a gift at Christmas of a writing deak.

Invitations have been received from, and delegates from the Society have attended meetings of, the Bay State Historical League, Essex Institute, Haverhill Historical Society, Lynn Historical Society and Old Planters Society, gaining therefrom much interest and pleasure.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Peabody Historical Society respectfully submits the following report for the year ending May 2, 1906.

Balance in hands of Treasurer at last report, \$103.54	
Received Dues,	
Admission fee, new members, 10.00	
Post Cards and Photographs, 146.44	
Proctor Memorial Pamphiets,	
Gifts for our Midsummer Outing, 7.00	
Loan of Chairs,	
Interest from Savings Bank, 2.95	
Interest from Warren National Bank 5.32	
Entertainment in Unitarian Chapel, April 26, . 10.25	
From Town for 19th of April, 5.00	
	.00
Paid rent of Rooms to April 1, 1906,	
Electric Lighting for the year, . 5.94	
Bay State League from May, 1904, to May, 1906, 2.00	
Decorating Lexington Monument, 1906, 5.00	
Expressage of Chairs, Midsummer Outing, . 1.50	
Edgerly & Son, Light Refreshments, Midsummer Outing, 3.78	
Printing Ballots, 1.50	
Due Cards and Receipts, 4.50	
Printing Annual Report, 8.75	
Printing Acknowledgment Papers,	
Calendars, 2.25	
Rent of Banquet Room, February meeting, 3.00	
Mrs. Brooks, Light Refreshments, February meeting, 1.25	
Four dozen Flags, 3.00	
Insurance, 12.50	
Expressing Furniture, etc., from Kimball house, . 13.00	
Post Cards, Plates and Photographs, 60.09	
Expenses of Secretaries and Treasurers, consisting of	
stationery, postals and stamps, 7.87	
Balance in hands of Treasurer, 120.57	
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S. L. NEWHALL, Treas.

The Treasurer has also on deposit in the Warren National Bank nine hundred and fifty dollars, received from the estate of Samuel B. Stimpson as a perpetual fund, the income only to be used for purposes of the Society.

NEW MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting, May 3, 1905, Mr. William P. Upham was elected an honorary member, in recognition of the great interest he had always shown in the Society, the papers he had written for and read before it, and the many instances of his kindly helpfulness.

Nov., 1905. Dr. Myron L. Chamberlain. Feb., 1906. Mrs. Alice B. Lummus. Mrs. Alice G. Osborn, Mrs. M. O. Cassino, Mr. George C. Farrington.

NECROLOGY.

Mr. John E. Herrick, Miss Martha O. Barrett, Mr. William P. Upham, Mrs. Huldah G. Buxton, Mrs. Ellen M. Buxton, Rev. Alfred P. Putnam, D. D.	b. Nov. 19, 1831, b. July 9, 1827, b. Jan. 19, 1836, b. March 23, 1834, b. Nov. 20, 1831,	d. June 14, 1903 d. Oct. 14, 1905 d. Nov. 24, 1905 d. Mar. 22, 1906 d. Apr. 15, 1906
Rev. Alfred P. Putnam, D. D.,	b. Jan. 10, 1827,	d. Apr. 15, 1906

REPORT OF CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN.

During the past year there have been added to our collection, 24 bound volumes, 53 pamphlets, 62 sheets, letters, proclamations, programs, etc., 14 samplars and other family records, and 19 articles for the cabinet, besides the large collection, kindly left us by legacy by Miss Elizabeth C. Kimball.

Grateful acknowledgment is due the donors of the following bound volumes, pamphlets, manuscripts, etc., etc., relating in some way to our town or its citizens, now in the possession of the Society. We hope that all data which would assist in completing a history of the place, past or present, within its present boundaries, may be discovered and presented to the Society by its members and friends.

Addresses by. DONOR. Appleton, Pres. F. H. Address before Mass. Horticultural Soc., 1899 Appleton, Rev. F. P. Two Discourses, 1850 M. M. Farley Butler, Rev. J. D. Farewell Discourse, 1852 Abr. C. Osborne Butler, Rev. J. D. Mental Culture, 1858 Miss Susan Mills Cutler, Manasseh Century Discourse, 1815 Miss C. P. Jacobs Emerson, Rev. Brown Sermon, 1843 Miss H. C. Allen Hudson, Rev. J. W. Sermons, 1899 Mrs. E. C. Osborn Thanksgiving Sermon, 1856 Mrs. M. M. Cutler Murray, Rev. Jas. O. Nichols, Andrew, M.M.S.S. Address on Intemperance 1819 Miss Susan Mills Miss M. A. Osborn Parks, Rev. Harrison G. Sermon, 1837 Prince, Rev. John Valedictory Discourse, 1848 L. P. Osborn Proctor, John W. Address before Agr. Soc., Geo. S. Osborne, 1844 M. D. Upton, J. Warren Address at 50th Anniv. Essex Co. Teachers' Asso., 1879 Abr. C. Osborne Walker, Rev. Samuel Manuscript Sermons, 1811-1825 Misses Mills Walker, Rev. Samuel Sermon, 1815 Misses Mills "Manasseh Cutler," D. D. Wadsworth, Rev. Benj., Misses Mills D. D.

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Subject.	AUTHOR.	Donor.
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Bible Records	Copied by members of Soc.	
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gator''	"By his Son"	son
Church (South)	Baptisms. Essex Inst. Coll.	
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Flint, Capt. Samuel	D. Webster King	D. Webster King
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King Family Notes	Manuscript copy	D. Webster King
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Medical Reg. for New Eng.	Fr. H. Brown	Geo. S. Osborne, M.D.
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Nichols, Andrew, M. D., Obituary of	by Dr. Sam'l A. Lord	Mrs. M. O. Stevens
Nichols, Andrew, M. D.,	to Don W.D. Anniet	
Mem.	by Rev. F. P. Appleton	Mrs. M. O. Stevens
Nichols Family Gen.	Andrew Nichols	Andrew Nichols
Osborne, Theodore M.	Daniel N. Crowley	Lyman Osborn
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That I might be enabled before I died to shew my gratitude
For the blessings which he has bestowed upon me
By doing some great good to my fellow men."

"Let your light so shine before men
That they may see your good works
and glorify your Father
which is in Heaven."

The Rooms of the Society have been open as usual to visitors, every Monday afternoon from 2.30 till 5 o'clock, with members of the following committee in attendance:—

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PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INTRODUCTION.

THE name which our Town bears, instinctively recalls the man whose beneficence, wisdom and charity enriched humanity, both in the old world and the new. When the old town of Danvers had been divided, and we had cut ourselves off from those with whom we had been in communion since the earliest settlement, it seemed to the citizens a wise and fitting thing that the town should bear the name of him who, born within her boundaries, trained in her customs, imbued with her traditions, had gone out into the world and won honor, dignity and respect among men.

The new town soon became known for the growing excellence of its free library, at a time when public libraries in towns were rare. It also retained its supremacy in the manufacture of certain products. To most of the outside world these two items were the only things known about the town of Peabody. The past, with all that it implied, the people, and how they bore themselves in times of trial, were in many respects as a sealed book to them. There seemed a danger, too, that this want of knowledge, begotten of indifference or forgetfulness, might extend to the inside.

Privation and hardship were the common lot of all New England settlements, courage the common heritage; yet each community has its own precious record of deeds well done, of principle maintained at the hazard of life and fortune. In such as these every right-minded person takes a common pride. To keep them alive, to preserve them from oblivion, to retain every incident connected with these events and those who participated therein, should become his duty.

It was with this intention that the Prabody Historical Society was formed. The lines on which it is founded are broad enough for everyone to stand on. It welcomes all. It accepts with thankfulness every fact or incident which may shed light on a bygone period, or in relation to those who were actors in the scenes of those old times. Old books, manuscripts, deeds, records, odd items from newspapers, househeld utensils, needlework, pictures, articles of personal adornment, relies from old houses, everything which has a bearing on the history of the people who here made their homes, finds a fitting receptacle and a ready acknowledgment. Neither are things of today neglected. Events of yesterday in time become past history, and it is by taking note of such that history is preserved.

The success of the Society has been gratifying from the outset. It has seemed as if people were waiting for the call. A preliminary meeting was held on the evening of April 21st, 1896. The organization was quickly completed, a board of officers was chosen and the Society became duly incorporated, Aug. 15, 1896, with a membership of 96.

THE MEETINGS.

From necessity, the early meetings of the Society were given over to the selection of officers, the adoption of by-laws and other work of like nature. But it is worthy of mention that at one of these early meetings, MAY 12, 1896, steps were taken to repair the monument and grade the lot where rest the remains of General Gideon Foster.

JUNE 16th, 1896. The first meeting at which any historical exercises were held was on June 16th, the anniversary of the separation of Danvers from Salem. Mr. Andrew Nichols spoke for the Danvers side of the question and Mr. Thomas Carroll for the Salem side.

August 5th, 1896. The first attempted field meeting ended in a grand downpour of rain, with thunder and lightning. The members were to meet on the site of the old Epes homestead and listen to the history of the Epes family. They were obliged, however, to adjourn to the South Church vestry, where Hon. Robert S. Rantoul gave an address upon the "Work of Historical Societies." Mr. Nathan A. Bushby followed with a talk upon the "Epes family" and Miss Mary Nichols read from a poem of her grandfather, Dr. Andrew Nichols, a selection pertaining to the Epes family.

NOVEMBER 11th, 1896. The Potteries of Peabody were described by Mr. Daniel H. Felton and Mr. Nathan A. Bushby.

FEBRUARY 3d, 1897. Mr. Ezra D. Hines gave his lecture on "The March of Arnold to Quebec."

APRIL 19th, 1897. This meeting was held in commemoration of the Battle of Lexington. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. Mr. Thomas Carroll read a paper on the "Battle of Lexington," as relating to this town. Following came Mr. Nathan A. Bushby, who gave a talk on the same subject, including many unrecorded incidents. Appropriate music rendered by a choir under the direction of Mr. Richards B. Mackintosh, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

ROOM.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held in September, it was deemed both necessary and expedient to secure a room in which to place the many gifts already received by the Society. At the quarterly meeting held November 11th, 1896, the committee appointed to arrange this matter reported that a room had been engaged in the Warren Bank building; that this room had been furnished, partly through the kindness of friends; that the gifts, then numbering 61, had been marked and put in place, and that the room was ready to be opened to members and visitors on and after Nov. 16, 1896, every Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. The ladies of the Executive Committee took the room in charge, and at the end of the year, May 5th, 1897, the gifts and loans entrusted to the care of the Society, numbered 202.

These include many articles, pictures, old volumes, documents and reference books, which are instructive as well as interesting, and it is desired that the members should make constant use of this room, not keep it solely as a museum of antiquities.

BY-LAWS OF THE PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be the Peabody Historical Society.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society is the collection, preservation and study of historical matters relating to the town and its inhabitants.

All persons who sign the Articles of Agreement, or shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of all present and voting at any meeting of the Society, and who shall sign the By-Laws, shall be members of this Society as long as their dues are paid.

All persons who shall apply in writing and are regularly elected, shall be

corresponding members of this Society.

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ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and nine Directors who together with the other officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to such offices. The Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall each make a report to

the Society at the Annual meeting hereinafter provided for.

The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the business of the Society, and it shall be their duty to select, prepare and direct the literary exercises of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of the Society shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall hold office for one year and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

ARTICLE VI.

The Treasurer shall give a bond, with two sureties, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE VII.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the first Wednesday in May of each year, and Quarterly Meetings shall be held on the first Wednesdays of August, November and February and at the time of the Annual meeting in May.

Special Meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

An assessment of One Dollar shall be paid by each member on admission, and the Annual Dues shall be One Dollar.

The Annual Dues shall be payable at the time of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

No money shall be expended except upon voucher which shall be approved by two members of the Executive Committee.

No person is to speak more than fifteen minutes upon any one subject, unless by general consent, or when assigned to a subject by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI.

Eleven members shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.

These By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of all members present at any Annual Meeting, provided notice of the intended change shall have been given at the preceding Quarterly Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Membership Fees and Dues, .		*	\$189.00	
Contributions,			7.00	
			_	\$196.00
EXPENSES.				
EATENSES.				
Record Books and Printing, .			\$10.35	
Rent of Room and Town Hall, .	-		44.00	
Fitting Room,		-	15.21	
Certificate of Incorporation, .			5,00	
Labor on General Foster's Grave,			5.00	
Expenses at Field Meeting,			6.15	
Damage to Chairs at Field Meeting	, .		8.64	
Gas Bill,			.14	
				94.49

Balance, May 1st, 1897, in hands of Treasurer,

\$101.51

OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 5TH, 1897.

President,		WARREN D. KING
First Vice-President, .		ARTHUR F. POOLE
Second Vice-President,		NATHAN A. BUSHBY
Treasurer,		SYLVANUS L. NEWHALL
Recording Secretary,		FRED W. BUSHBY
Corresponding Secretary		ELIZABETH C OSPORN

DIRECTORS.

ANNIE T. GIFFORD,	SARAH E. STIMPSON,	FRANK E. FARNHAM,
SARAH E. MOORE,	THOMAS CARROLL,	LYMAN OSBORN
NANCY J. MOULTON,	DANIEL H. FELTON,	SAMUEL C. LORD.